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DUTCH ASK INDONESIA MEET Speed-Up In Transfer Of Sovereignty Planned TO FREE REPUBLICANS

Support For Full ECA Aid Share

Washington, February 26. Strong support for giving Britain its full share of second year Marshall Plan funds developed in the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee today.

The supporting sentiment developed only after the Administration rushed up its biggest guns to defend the U.S. \$4,000,000 installment earmarked for Britain.

The Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson, and the Foreign Aid Administrator Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, spoke out strongly in favour of the requested aid for Britain after Senate foreign policy leaders voted to re-examine the allotment to find out whether Britain really needs the money.

The Senate action grew out of statements by a high-level British official, indicating that Britain's recovery has picked up speed and how may be over the hump.

In a series of rapid-fire developments:

1—Secretary Acheson told a news conference that if the U. S. began to taper off Marshall plan aid now, it would jeopardize the whole future of Western Europe.

2—The ECA Chief Mr. Hoffman, said the proposed \$40,000,000 allotment is the absolute minimum needed to sustain the momentum of recovery not only in Britain but in all Europe.

3—Chairman Tom Connally announced the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will review the British aid request again on Monday. He emphasised Congress will approve foreign aid funds only when they are directly needed.

The Senate move developed after Mr. Christopher P. Mayhew, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told a United Nations group that his country had virtually achieved post-war recovery.

Mr. Acheson said he most certainly did not believe British recovery had progressed to the point where the U. S. could begin cutting down on aid. He said Mr. Mayhew's statement was well-meant, but somewhat over-enthusiastic. — Associated Press.

The Netherlands Government announced today a speed-up in the transfer of sovereignty over Indonesia to a federal government.

It announced also the convocation of a round-table conference at the Hague on March 12 and its decision to release leaders of the Indonesian Republic.

Invitations to the round-table conference have been extended to all parties concerned. The UN committee for Indonesia has been informed it would be welcome to be present.

Troops To Fight If Attacked

Washington, February 26.

United States troops in Japan would fight if Japan were attacked, Lieutenant General J. Lawton Collins, United States Army Vice-Chief-of-staff, told a press conference yesterday.

Although no commander had ever believed he had enough men, the United States contingent in Japan was adequate for its purpose which was to carry out the terms of the peace, he said.

The United States army strength overseas would be maintained at about the same level as last year, although the garrison in Europe would be reduced slightly from 96,000 troops last February to 92,000 men this year.

He said that combat division deployment between the Far East and Europe showed a greater degree of relative strength in the Far East than in Europe. Four combat divisions of about 18,000 men each were planned for the Far East, compared with only one for Germany.

In the Far East, 88 per cent of the total strength was in the form of tactical units, compared with 12 per cent in Europe. — Reuter.

The announcement on the release of Indonesian leaders said:

"To facilitate the prompt beginning of discussions for a speedy creation of a United States of Indonesia and in order to comply with the terms of the Security Council's resolution on this point, the Government has decided to lift the remaining restrictions on the liberty of movement of the Republic's leaders and to consult with them concerning their wishes as to their future residence and arrangements which will have to be made in this respect."

The Overseas Minister, Mr. J. M. Marneveek, who replaced Mr. E. M. Sassen two weeks ago when a Cabinet controversy arose over Indonesian policy, planned a news conference at noon to discuss the announcement.

The announcement said the Government would try to set up a full-fledged Indonesian Government on federal lines with full sovereignty considerably earlier than July 1, 1950, the target date set by the Security Council.

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A fire engine and an ambulance were rushed to the scene and a canvas sheet was spread by the firemen below for the man to jump. But he would neither jump nor come down.

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Wong was taken to Shaokwan Police Station for questioning. He was unable to give any reason for his action.

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Relatives have been requested by the police to contact Eastern Police Station at 9 a.m. this morning for identification.

The bodies of the remaining two victims of the crash have not yet been found.

Excitement Reigns At Shaokwan

Residents of Kam Wah Street, Shaokwan, were treated to three hours of tense excitement in the early hours of yesterday morning, watching the police and Fire Brigade's efforts to prevent a would-be suicide.

The central figure in the rescue drama was a 34-year-old, Wong Kwong, who later told the police he was unemployed and was on a visit to a friend in Shaokwan.

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London's Caged Baby



Simon Gunn, two-year-old boy who lives at Holly Hill, Hampstead, London, might look forlorn to the casual passer-by, but he is really happy as a king. Outside his bedroom window his father, Alec Gunn, has built a cage so that Simon can step straight from his room to the big outside world. Since the house has no garden, this is Simon's outdoor playground, and he thoroughly enjoys it, waving and smiling at the passers-by below. Both Simon's parents are actors, and they can go out during the day knowing that their son will get his full ration of fresh air—in perfect safety.—AP Photo.

Do's And Don't's For British Diplomats Leak Out To America

London, February 26.

An immediate investigation was ordered today to determine who revealed secrets of a new British diplomatic handbook of manners.

The book tells young diplomats how to make friends at funerals, be pleasant to bores and become the life of any Embassy.

The book was supposed to be highly confidential, but its details were published in the British press in despatches from Washington, touching off an investigation.

The Emily Post of the Foreign Office is revealed to be Marcus Cheke, 44, Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps in London, the picture of a perfect diplomat in his dark Homburg, black overcoat and umbrella carried on the arm at exactly the right angle.

The title of the Cheke book is "Guidance on Foreign Usages and Ceremonies for a Member of His Majesty's Foreign Service on his First Appointment to a Post Abroad."

The hero is a mythical John Bull, who has been named Third

Secretary to His Majesty's Ambassador to Mauritania, Sir Henry Sealing-Wax.

On the subject of funerals, the book advises, "Don't pass up funerals."

Lost In The Garden

"In some countries public funerals are unreserved occasions on which to cultivate acquaintances. How many an interesting political connection was first conceived by a certain foreign head of a mission by a convulsive handshake in the funeral cortege and cemented by giving him a lift home."

It said Mr. and Mrs. Bull must turn up for dinner five minutes early. Mrs. Bull must be on her toes to help the Ambassador's wife.

"Mr. Bull should speak to the Ambassador at least once in the evening and must not therefore spend an entire hour lost in the garden with some girl."

On the subject of bores, the book says: "One of the young diplomat's chief duties will be to be affable to bores."—United Press.

THE WEATHER

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Local Traders Keen To Start Wuchow Run

The recent report from Chinese sources that the port of Wuchow has been thrown open to foreign shipping has given rise to keen speculation among local traders interested in the Chinese coastal shipping.

The majority, when approached on the matter, expressed optimism about restoring the once profitable trade with Wuchow.

There were some, however, who felt that under the existing confused conditions in China and in view of the fact that Canton is absorbing most of the Colony's business, resumption of trade with Wuchow would be disappointingly slow.

But they asserted that should the Wuchow authorities afford some sort of facilities in Hong Kong, including easy procurement of import licence, local

merchants might consider the project favourably.

The Chinese Maritime Customs in Hong Kong have not received any official notice of the announcement from Canton that the Executive Yuan had declared Wuchow open on February 23 to foreign shipping, it was learned yesterday.

Wuchow, the Western Gate of Kwangsi Province, was closed since the end of hostilities. This had affected the prosperity of the port considerably.

According to well-informed local sources, the decision of the authorities then was to isolate the port from foreigners and provide facilities exclusively to Chinese traders. This had apparently failed in its purpose, for China does not have the necessary amount of shipping tonnage to cope with the demands.

Several local shipping organizations, operating vessels on the Canton-Hong Kong-Macau routes, have been preparing new schedules to add Wuchow on their ports to call.

The Kwangsi Navigation Company of Hong Kong, which sent their ships, Kwai Shan and Kwai Hai, on two trips—the last two made by a local firm—in 1947 to Wuchow, reported that they may add Wuchow on their list for the Kwai Hai, now on the Hong Kong-Kongmoon route.

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Time, Place For Official Peace Parleys Fixed?

Nanking, February 26.

The time and place for official peace negotiations have been fixed with the Communists in North China, according to reliable but unconfirmed reports in Nanking today.

A time limit is believed also to have been set for the talks.

During the parley period the Communist armies will not attack the Nationalist Yangtze River defences.

Reports from Peiping today said that the Shanghai non-partisan peace delegation that has exchanged views with the Communist leaders in North China is expected to return to Shanghai from Communist territory within the next two or three days.

Dr. Shao Li-tse, the Government's official peace delegate, is then expected to visit Nanking to consult President Li Tsung-jen. Meanwhile, today, the President was conferring with some of his closest military and political supporters. A spokesman said they were exchanging views on plans for China's planned transition from war to peace.

Last night, the President dined with the American Ambassador, Dr. John Leighton Stuart.

Leaders who conferred with him today included the President of the Control Yuan, General Pai Chung-hsi, his close friend from Hankow, General Ho Ying-chin, General Chang Chih-chung, Dr. Wong Wen-hao and Mr. Chu Chen, former President of the Judicial Yuan.

Vacation Abroad

The unconfirmed news of the progress of peace negotiations today coincided with local newspaper reports that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is being urged by several leaders to go abroad from his present place of retirement at Fenghuo.

One report said that, according to an official who recently saw him, the Generalissimo had promised that he would not be interested in politics for the next five years.

Sources in Nanking said that Marshal Yen Hui-shan, Governor of Shansi, and General Pai Chung-hsi and Ho Ying-chin have all recently interviewed the Generalissimo, urging him to desist from interfering at present in the political dispute between Li Tsung-jen and Sun Fo.

They were said to have advised him to go abroad.

The Prime Minister, Dr. Sun Fo, will be coming to Nanking

within a day or two to support President Li Tsung-jen in furthering peace talks with the Communists.

The Premier revealed this himself at a press conference in Canton this morning, at which he expressed optimism and high hopes regarding future prospects of peace talks with the Communists.

Dr. Sun Fo announced the progressive reduction in the Chinese Army from the original figure of 6,500,000 to 5,200,000 and then to the present figure of 4,200,000.

He said the authorities still considered the latter figure too high and wished to cut it further to reduce military expenditure.

Dr. Sun Fo also revealed the abolition of the present Army enlistment system, but no decision was reached.

The Premier said that since the majority of the Cabinet staff was already in Canton, no proposal has been made for their returning to Nanking, but high Cabinet officials may go to the capital at any moment to participate in discussions there.

He further announced the abolition of the collection of foodstuffs and taxation in kind from farmers in order to alleviate the burdens of the people.—Reuter.

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Changes Plea, Asks Court For Leniency

"I offered to lead him to arrest the man who stole the pigs, but he refused to go. He let him off because the man is his comrade," said Chan Hang alias Tau Pei Hang, charged with larceny of two live pigs from Mataukok Slaughter House on February 12, in his cross-examination of Au Ngau, inspector of the Pig Dealers' Guild before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Chan's co-defendant, Yim Siu-hung alias Yim Kam, 28-year-old hawker, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by the same court on February 22, after he pleaded guilty to the same charge.

Mr. February 10, a man came to the slaughter house and informed him that Chan Hang wanted to meet him at a tea house in Shamshui. When he met Chan, Chan asked him to cover up the matter concerning the two pigs.

He had known Chan for some time, said witness, in connection with a case of 'unlawful slaughtering of pigs'.

An unlicensed vegetable and pork hawker, Fok Pak, said that early on the morning of February 12, three men came to his house and offered to sell him pork. He went with them to the roof of 24 Lurch Street, where he saw two pigs cut up into four pieces. He bought the whole lot of 124 catties at HK\$41.40, and later sold them at HK\$40.

After the prosecution, conducted by Detective Sub-inspector D. H. Taylor, had closed its case, Chan changed his plea and asked for leniency.

The option of a fine was refused by the Court and a sentence of four months' hard labour was passed.

Court Grants Application

An application by The Newspaper Enterprise Ltd., for an extension of time within which to file a Return of Allotment in respect of 17,000 shares was granted at the Supreme Court yesterday by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice).

Sir Leslie Gibson ordered that the necessary Return of Allotment be filed within two weeks from yesterday.

Mr. D.L. Wright, instructed by Mr. D. H. Blake of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, represented The Newspaper Enterprise Limited.

Mr. Wright said that 17,000 shares of \$10 each were allotted on October 25, 1948. Due to inadvertence, the necessary Return of Allotment was not filed with the Registrar of Companies within the time prescribed. The circumstances which resulted in the Return not being filed were set forth in an affidavit filed by Mr. D. H. Blake.

O. Kees and Company were hosts to their business friends and associates at a Chinese dinner at the roof-garden of the Sincere Company yesterday. More than 400 people were present.

Before dinner, the guests were entertained with several film features among which, was one showing various tests of Mido watches.



Air-Shipped Fruit From Down Under

An inaugural air shipment of fruit from Australia arrived in Hong Kong from Sydney yesterday.

Philippine Air Lines, on a chartered flight, discharged several tons of fresh peaches at Kai Tak for the Australian Interstate Agencies, a firm which is handling sales and distribution of Australian fresh fruit.

Mr. Albert T. Simmons, manager of the Australian Interstate Agencies, told the "Sunday Herald" that his company plans to have Australian fresh fruit on the Hong Kong market within three or four days of picking in Australia.

Yesterday's peaches were on sale within a few hours after the arrival of the PAL plane. Size of the peaches averaged 12 ounces each.

In the picture above are Mr. Ronald Jones, manager of the Hong Kong Stevedoring Company, Mr. H. H. Runkle, Acting Australian Government Trade Commissioner at Hong Kong, and Mr. Albert T. Simmons.

The photograph, which includes one of the boxes of peaches, was taken at Kai Tak shortly after the arrival of the plane.

The PAL plane flew refugees to Australia and was chartered to transport the trial shipment of fresh peaches to Hong Kong.

Personalia

Mr. D.J. Mackie, Assistant Manager of Cable & Wireless, is due to return to Hong Kong before the end of next month.

Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Hope Simpson and Mrs. D.L. Evansy left for the United Kingdom aboard the ss. Cyclops yesterday.

'John Peels' Give West End A Shock

London, February 25.
Hunting cries of "Tally Ho" and the blare of the hunting horn startled people in the heart of London today.

The crying and blaring came from ruddy-faced farmers in black or tweed hunting jackets and high boots, who trotted along Piccadilly on a protest ride against an anti-blood sports bill being discussed in Parliament.

They had come from West Country villages in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. Buses and cars stopped as passengers stared and customers streamed from the shops to look at a van-guard of 20 farmers, laughing and crying their "Tally Ho." More hunters followed.

About an hour later, the protesting hunters returned to their starting point in Hyde Park. Behind them they left a West End shaken and reading thousands of leaflets which protested against a bill "trying to stamp out our heritage."

Teeth Loose

Bleeding Gums, Blood in Mouth, Loose Teeth, Mouth that will not close, Painful Throat, Mouth or tongue sore, Mouth or tongue inflamed, Mouth or tongue itchy, Mouth or tongue numb, Mouth or tongue tingling, Mouth or tongue burning, Mouth or tongue itching, Mouth or tongue stinging, Mouth or tongue swelling, Mouth or tongue redness, Mouth or tongue dryness, Mouth or tongue soreness, Mouth or tongue pain, Mouth or tongue discomfort, Mouth or tongue irritation, Mouth or tongue inflammation, Mouth or tongue infection, Mouth or tongue disease, Mouth or tongue condition, Mouth or tongue problem, Mouth or tongue trouble, Mouth or tongue ailment, Mouth or tongue affliction, Mouth or tongue malady, Mouth or tongue ailment, Mouth or tongue affliction, Mouth or tongue malady.

Negro Gets 18 Months For Hitting Mate

Eighteen months' hard labour was imposed on an American negro by Mr. A.D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday, after the man had pleaded guilty to a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm to a fellow negro.

The defendant, Osborne Rutledge Williams, aged 31, was an assistant cook aboard the ss. Kyska.

On the ship he shared a cabin with four other negro seamen among whom was Arranbar Hines, a steward, the complainant.

On the night of February 15, one of the seamen came into the cabin, looked at his bunk and enquired who had been on it.

Hines suggested that Williams might know something about it, and an argument ensued. Defendant challenged complainant to go on deck for a fight, the latter dismissed the suggestion and said he wanted to sleep.

While complainant was dozing off in his bunk, Williams rushed him on the head and other parts of the body with an iron piping.

Complainant awakened, struggled with Williams despite the severe injuries he had sustained. The others were then also awakened and stopped the fight.

In court yesterday was Hines, his right arm in a sling. He was also limping.

Detective Sub-inspector Scragg, prosecuting, said to the magistrate, after relating the incident of the case, that it was not necessary for him, to emphasize the seriousness of the charge.

Order Grants Letters Of Administration

An order that Letters of Administration (with copy will annexed) be granted to Pang Ngai-shi, the intended administratrix of Pang Kai-hung alias Pang Tuen, was made by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Pang Kai-hung alias Pang Tuen, who was a building contractor and who died at No. 204 Cheungshawan Road, Kowloon, on August 17, 1943, left a will, the original of which had been lost. Pang Ngai-shi, the lawful "little" wife of Pang Kai-hung, said that since November 1947 she had endeavored to locate the whereabouts of Lam Kwok-kwang and Tam Kan-wo, the two wills had been unable to do so.

No Claims
She had also advertised for the beneficiaries under the will but with the exception of one Pang Ngai-lin, none of those mentioned in the advertisement had come forward.

His Wa-yun, a member of the Lawyers' Association of Canton, deposed that he was conversant with the laws and customs of the former Empire of China and the present Republic.

He had read the copy will of Pang Kai-hung and said that the same was in accordance with Chinese laws and usages and was effectual for the transfer of property.

Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y.K. Kwan of Messrs. Lo and Lo, represented Pang Ngai-shi on the application.

Six Months Added To Sentence

A man with three previous convictions, who on Friday was sentenced to 15 months by Mr. F. X. d'Almada on charges of larceny and a breach of deportation order, came up before the court yesterday on an additional charge of stealing an attaché case containing a passport from Li Ching-kwan.

The defendant, Leung Wing-man, aged 38, pleaded guilty to the charge and was given an extra six months, making a total of 21 months.

According to the prosecution, Li saw in the Chinese press defendant's description and made a report to the police. At an identification parade held later defendant was recognized by Li as the man who went to his office in Room 201, Marina House, for the purpose of transacting some business. There Li found his attaché case was missing.

Thief Sentenced To Six Months

On Friday, Mrs. Budden who resides at No. 42 Kennedy Road, ground floor, went into Miss E. Wilson's room on the same floor and there found a window open.

Investigations made by Mrs. Budden revealed that a basket, a calendar and two lady's overcoats were missing. Later the same day, Lance Corporal Nibbett was on duty along Kennedy Road and saw defendant carrying a basket and when challenged could not explain where he got it and eventually admitted that he had stolen it.

Before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, Leung Lok-keo pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny and was sentenced to six months.

Funeral

The funeral of Mr. M. Mihaleff, the musician, took place at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday.

He died of a heart attack at his home on Friday.

Mr. Mihaleff had been with the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra. At the time of his death he was employed by an American firm.

He was a popular member of the local Russian Community. Mr. Mihaleff, who leaves a widow, had been in the Colony for 11 years. He was 42 years old.



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PRICE INDEX

(Washington, February 25.)
The Labor Department reported the mid-January price index at 170.9, based on 100 for 1925-26, or 0.3 per cent below mid-December. This is the fourth monthly drop in living costs. The latest figure is 2.2 per cent below the August 1948 September high, but is still 1.3 above a year ago, and 26.3 per cent above June 1946, when major price controls were abandoned.

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THE DAIRY FARM



Miss Zaza Buffad, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Buffad, became the bride of Mr. Isaac Ching-chi at St. Joseph's Church yesterday. The bridegroom is the Assistant Manager of the China National Aviation Corporation's Hong Kong office. A reception was given at the Hong Kong Hotel at which more than 100 friends and guests were present.—"China Mail" Photo.

Broadcast Of Play's Excerpts

Excerpts from "The Guinea Pig," Hong Kong Stage Club's latest production, will be broadcast over Radio Hong Kong tomorrow night.

The production will be presented to the public on Thursday night at the China Fleet Club Theatre.

"The Guinea Pig," by Warren Cheung Strode, ran very successfully in England. It is being produced by Phillips Combes with a keen cast of whom are new to audiences in Hong Kong but who have all had considerable experience elsewhere.

The play is intended to be of a different type from that attempted previously this season.

The Club has presented a modern farce, a thriller, and a classic children's play. With "The Guinea Pig," it will try to give what may be called a modern social problem play.

Tomorrow there will be a casting meeting for a radio play to be transmitted in March. On Tuesday a second casting meeting for "Twelfth Night" will be held to supplement that held last week and to fill several of the leading parts which are not yet cast.

New members are invited to attend and read. The two meetings will be at the China Fleet Club.

Decree Nisi Granted

A Decree Nisi, granted to Mrs. Christine Barry of Repulse Bay Hotel, on November 1, 1948 was made Absolute at the Supreme Court yesterday by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice).

Mrs. Barry had sued for a dissolution of her marriage to Mr. Frederick Charles Barry, Managing Director of Hong Kong Hotels Ltd., on the ground of adultery.

Mr. P. A. L. Vine of Messrs. Deacons represented Mrs. Barry. Mr. Barry was not present in Court or legally represented.

BAIL ESTREATED

Failing to come before the Court to answer the charge of being in possession of dutiable proprietary medicines, Ho Yiu and Poon Hien, both of 122 Peiho Street, second floor, had their bail of \$500 each, estreated.

Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox stated that defendants were found in possession of 98 dozens of male hormone pills and 145 dozens of female hormone pills, at their house on the afternoon of February 26.

The total value of goods seized was HK\$2,900.

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Town Planner To Give Talk On Thursday

Mr. J. T. Mallorie, town planning architect of the Public Works Department, will give an address on Thursday on town planning problems at the Helena Moy Institute.

Sponsored by the British Council, Mr. Mallorie's address will precede three films which describe Westminster Abbey and other architectural achievements and also the development of an English town.

Mr. Mallorie is a graduate of the School of Architecture of Liverpool University and has acted as a town planner with the Coventry City Council before and after the war. He has also had experience in the Leeds town planning office.

Throughout March, there will be weekly shows of documentary films. The subjects include industry and crafts, music, scenes from Britain and "This is Canada." Each show will follow an address by an expert lecturer.

Admission is by free tickets obtainable at the British Council office in Statue Square.

Reminders

Today

Classical Concert, Toc H Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club sketching class, members to assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

Talk on "Religion and World Government" by Mr. E. W. A. Ankersen, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

Football: Challenge Shield Semi-final, Cricket: Optimists vs. Scorpions, HKCC, Chater Road.

St. David's Society, Morning Service, St. John's Cathedral, 11 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Casting meeting for "Twelfth Night," HK Stage Club, China Fleet Club Theatre.

HK Chamber of Music, concert of gramophone records at HK University, 9.15 p.m.

Star Ferry Company, Limited, annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Urban Council meeting, GPO building, 4.15 p.m.

HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "A Film Show" by Mr. H. Odell, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

St. David's Day Dinner, by St. David's Society of HK, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Wreath laying ceremony by St. David's Society, at Cenotaph, 8.30 a.m.

Casting meeting for "Twelfth Night," HK Stage Club, at China Fleet Club Theatre.

WEDNESDAY

Toc H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Council of Social Services, talk on "Recent Developments in Industrial Welfare" by Mrs. M. Allinson and Mr. E. C. Brown, PRO Lecture room, 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

HK Automobile Association, annual general meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club extraordinary general meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 6.30 p.m.

TOC H CONCERT

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House (Toc H), 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m. today.

The programme includes Overture "Hansel and Gretel" (Humperdinck); Concerto in E minor for violin and orchestra (Mendelssohn); Serenade "Elno Klono Nachtmusik" — Mozart, and Symphony in D major "The Clock" — Haydn.



Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Harvey, leaving St. Theresa's Church after their wedding yesterday morning. Mrs. Harvey, the former Miss Ellen Aaron, is from Leavenworth, Kansas, U.S.—"Sunday Herald" Photo.

Aaron-Harvey Wedding At St. Theresa's Church

Miss Ellen Elizabeth Aaron of Leavenworth, Kansas, U.S.A., was married to Mr. Edwin James Harvey at St. Theresa's Church, Kowloon yesterday. The Reverend Father Orlando officiated.

The bride arrived at the church dressed in a white costume of Bermuda wool, wearing a blue orchid. She was given away by Mr. Marcus Gan on behalf of Mr. Byron Aaron, her brother who is in the United States.

Attending the bride as a maid of honour was Mrs. Janet Anderson, the wife of Mr. Bill Anderson, the groom's very close friend.

Mrs. Harvey was a former

nurse of the 48th General Hospital of the U.S. Army in Tokyo, and arrived in Hong Kong on February 17 on the General Meigs for her wedding.

Mr. Harvey is with Liddell Brothers.

There was a reception at the parish hall of St. Theresa's after which the couple left for the Repulse Bay Hotel for their honeymoon.

Residents Leave Local Estates

Local estate, sworn under \$30,400, was left by Mrs. Ross Jane Clift Watson, otherwise known as Rose Jane Clift Malcolm Watson, formerly of 1 Stirling Road in the County Borough ofournemouth and Clive Hall, Clive in the County of Salop. Mrs. Watson died at 3 Cavendish Road.

An application for re-sealing certified copy Probate has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade, barrister-at-law, for and on behalf of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Hong Kong (Trustee) Limited.

The Rev. Allan Henderson Mackenzie, Minister of Religion, who is presumed to have died on or about December 28, 1941, left local estate sworn under \$18,500.

Rev. Mackenzie formerly resided at 12A Cheung Chau, Hong Kong.

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Mrs. Nellie Gertrude Holyoak of "Tai Wo" Beech Grove, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, England, who died on March 17, 1948 left local estate sworn under \$1,700.

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The ss. Pioneer Lake is due to arrive here at daylight tomorrow and will be moored to Buoy A47 for discharge and loading of her cargo.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held in the Hong Kong HOTEL ROOF GARDEN on THURSDAY, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.

All Members are particularly urged to attend.

By Order,
PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.,
Secretaries & Treasurers.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Underigned on Friday, the 18th March, 1949, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th March to the 18th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers.
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, Feb. 25, 1949.

CHINA MOTOR BUS CO., LTD.

BUS ROUTE NO. 4

As from March 1, 1949 the Route No. 4 Bus Service between Vehicular Ferry Pier and Queen Mary Hospital will run via Connaught Road Central, Pedder Street, Queen's Road Central & West, Pokfulam Road and not via Garden Road, Caine Road & Bonham Road as at present.

There will be a 15 minute service instead of a 30 minute service as at present and the times of departure will be as follows:—

From Y.F. Pier every 15 minutes—from 7.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

From Q.M. Hospital every 15 minutes—from 7.55 a.m. to 7.25 p.m.

The fares will be as follows:—

V.F. Pier to Q.M. Hospital 30 cents.

V.F. Pier to University 20 cents.

Hong Kong, Feb. 25, 1949.

HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

A second casting meeting for "Twelfth Night" to fill several of the more important roles will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 8 p.m. in the China Fleet Club. All who are interested and new members especially are invited to attend and read.

HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

There will be a casting meeting for a Radio Play on Monday, February 28 at 8 p.m. in the China Fleet Club. All who are interested are invited to attend and read.

NOTICE

Change of Address

WHELOCK MARDEN & COMPANY LIMITED

As from Monday, February 28, the office of this Company will be situated at 218/219 Queen's Building (2nd Floor) P.O. Box No. 85 (Entrance in Ico House Street).

Telephone No. 33602.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Cathay Pacific Airways office at 4 Chater Road will close at Noon Monday 28th. February and reopen in Butterfield & Swire Building 1, Connaught Road at 9 a.m. Tuesday 1st. March.

Telephone Numbers:—

General Manager 31161
Operations Manager 31162
Traffic Manager 31162
General Office 30331
Passenger Bookings 30331
Kowloon Traffic Office 56260
Kai Tak Terminal Bldg. ... 59505

NOTICE

The Government of Fiji requires the services of a competent English - Cantonese speaking Chinese for the post of Chinese Interpreter in the Police and Prisons Departments in Ocean Island for a period of 2½ years. Leave on full pay at the rate of four days per month's resident service will be granted on the expiry of the contract.

(a) Salary in the expatriate scale £F.300 (S), 425 x 25—500. (£F.111—£Stg. 190).

(b) Local Allowance £F.100 while the Interpreter is in residence on Ocean Island.

(c) Amount of Living Allowance as in force from time to time; at present this is 10% of salary up to a maximum of £F. 80.

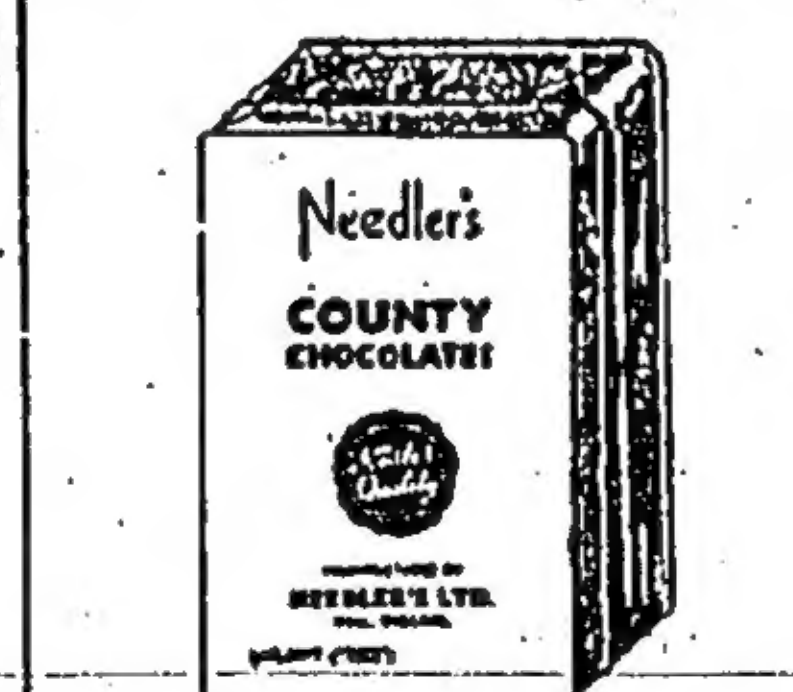
(d) Partly furnished quarters for which 10% of salary is deducted as rent.

(e) Second Class return passages for the interpreter and his wife and children (up to a limit equivalent to five adult passages in all) recoverable if the officer is dismissed for misconduct or relinquishes his appointment for any reason other than serious ill health before the completion of his tour of duty.

(f) Qualifications. A thorough knowledge of Haka, Cantonese and English is essential. The duties include general clerical work in the Judicial, Police and Administrative Departments.

Candidates should apply in writing in English to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Fire Brigade Building, before 15th March, 1949, stating fully their qualifications and experience and enclosing references.

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Monthly Tickets & School Children's Tickets

Monthly Tickets and School Children's Tickets for the month of March 1949, issued at \$18.00 and \$6.00 per ticket respectively and restricted to Route Nos. 1 to 13 (inclusive) only, can be obtained as follows:—

On 27th and 28th February and 1st, 2nd & 3rd March between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. at Tsim Tsa Tsui Bus Terminal Office, and thereafter at the Company's Office 153 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon, during business hours only.

School children's tickets entitles the holder to a maximum of 4 single journeys daily (Sundays omitted) and confined to the hours of 6.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. only.

School children making application for the first ticket shall produce for the Company's records a school certificate bearing his or her photograph.

Monthly tickets and School Children's Tickets are available for the month of issue only.

The Company reserves the right to refuse the issue of Monthly Ticket or School Children's Ticket to any person whom they consider ineligible.

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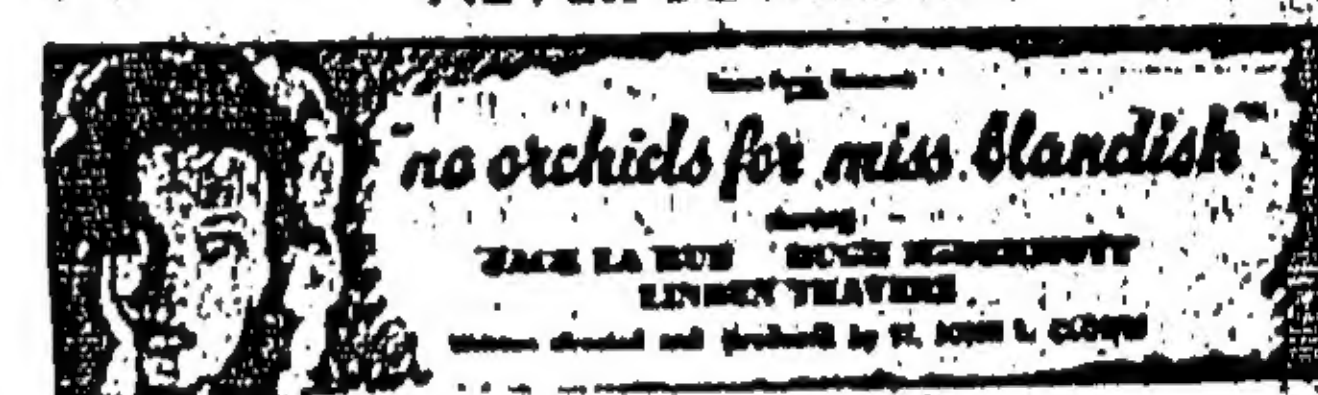
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- 1 tin Lard
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- 1 " Rice
- 1 " Sugar
- 1 " Salmon
- 1 " Orange Pekoe (Ceylon) Tea
- 1 " Marmalade
- 2 tins Minced Beef Loaf
- 1 tin Bacon

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A SLENDER, DAINY BLONDE WITH CLOAK AND DAGGER

The bravest girl I ever knew was a British secret agent. I met her the only time my eyes met hers in a long time. She was a slender, dainty blonde with a cloak and dagger.

And the scene of the exploit which brought her to my notice, London, gay capital with its busy streets and carefree peace time crowds. It was in this setting that Miss X, as I shall call her, trapped a gang of Russian spies.

Much of what happened is still secret. To the select few of the Special Branch who watched her like guardian angels during the days of her greatest danger, Miss X was a slender girl with dainty ankles and honey-blonde hair, who walked light-heartedly, seemingly unaware of discreet men in overcoats who stirred at street corners as she passed.

To the Military Intelligence Department at the War Office, she was a secret agent, assigned to a dangerous mission.

To her mother and brothers in the old English manor house where she spent her childhood she was an embarrassing nuisance in ten-time conversation, the daughter who "seemed to have got mixed up with some dreadful Communists in London."

Red Revolt

For she bore the burden of many who risk their lives silently for their country—not even her loved ones must know.

Miss X loved England just as fiercely and with equal purpose as the master spy against whom she battled loved Russia. He was dark, distinguished, suave, with greying temples and good suits. A tender of peace and a drier of revolt, under high scarlet banners, I will call him George, although that was not his real name.

After 10 years' fervent service to the Communist International in Britain, he was chosen at the age of 32, to go in 1924 to India to stir sedition.

The followers he gathered were convicted in Meerut in 1925 for conspiring against the King-Emperor. But not George. Ruthless, shadowy, stepped in to effect his escape.

Back in England, he got a job at Woolwich Arsenal in his trade of engineer. For three years he tried to spread unrest until, in 1928, the authorities dismissed him, until protests from indignant British working-men who thought a colleague was being victimised.

George travelled to attend an advance course in anarchism at the Lenin Communist School, Moscow.

I learnt that among the subjects he was taught was a primer course in fingerprints as a means of identification, types of materials upon which they were most easily detectable, and the use of chemical powders to bring up prints on documents.

He was armed with all the knowledge that Russia's forensic scientists could impart on the use of fingerprints as a weapon of offence without being caught by them.

Yet he was caught by them. He made his mistake—as even the cleverest men do.

Scotland Yard raised watchful eyebrows when he returned two years later. His life had changed. He no longer worked, but seemed to have an income, with cash to spare for printing, secretly a small magazine which tried to spread sedition in the British armed forces.

The British Secret Service noted all this too, and Miss X, still in her teens—quietly joined the organisation of which George was a member.

After a while the comrades no longer lowered their voices in her presence. Keys and documents were left around her.

So Miss X lit a tiny candle of

light in that dark red kitchen. By 1934 the magazine which sought to spread unrest among the troops was flopping. George turned to organising small, militant Communist groups in East London factories.

Miss X seemed to share his pride when the Kremlin appointed him chief of a Communist espionage system in Britain. He celebrated by publishing an illegal booklet, dedicated this time to creating unrest among defence workers. When an unfortunate accident occurred to stockpiles of the booklet, Miss X seemed as upset as anyone.

The quiet Miss X was seldom far from George. One can only imagine the courage that went into her seven years of patient waiting.

Further phone calls—then blank-faced innocence as yet mother Communist plot failed, an emissary intercepted, a mes-

sage undelivered, while the spy was hunted for the spy.

In February, 1937, George asked her to rent a furnished flat for the organisation in Holland-road. I remember looking through the flat for fingerprints, later and wondering how many risks she had taken inside those walls.

This is some of the fragmentary diary of those dangerous days, from reports smuggled to the authorities by Miss X.

"October 11: Photographic apparatus (listed) arrived. October 15: Another meeting. G. and a Mr. and Mrs. S. who spoke French. October 18: Mr. and Mrs. S. experimented 3½ hours, photographing maps of London Underground. G. very jumpy."

Nervous Plotters

Nervous the conspirators may have been. But they were not careful enough. On certain photographs developed, the woman known as Mrs. S. left fingerprints.

They did not match any in our collection at Scotland Yard. This flat was put under night and day watch by our Special Branch men. We saw Mrs. S. enter, carrying a package.

Inside, she unwrapped a large blueprint. She told Miss X it was to be photographed in sections and would need 42 exposures.

Mrs. S. was obviously nervous. She brushed aside Miss X's offer to help, and asked her to stay in the bathroom.

When the pictures had been taken and the films developed, Mrs. S. seemed less worried. She allowed Miss X to help her hang the developed negatives to dry in the bathroom.

Miss X took a risky opportunity to hold the negatives up to the light, memorised certain serial numbers and outlines....

They referred to the top secret blueprint of Britain's latest design for 14-inch naval guns.

On January 16 the chief spy, George, met a man at Charing Cross Underground, was seen to return to him a secret text-book on explosives. The man was a previously trusted scientist in

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While he was setting up his photographic apparatus, with the help of a master spy he used gloves and left no fingerprints on the glazed dishes, glass negatives, nor the polished surfaces of the enlargers and camera boxes.

Big Shot Trapped

All set—he snapped a switch to test the two big arc-lights. One bulb popped into darkness with a broken filament. George, anxious to get to his appointment at Charing Cross Station, stripped off his glove, put back a replacement bulb, adjusted the green metal lamp-shade, nodded his satisfaction—and hurried out.

Behind him—I was to find out under my powerful little pocket microscope that gives me an enlargement of six diameters—he had left the clear impression of his hasty fingers on the bulb, the green shade and the switch.

It was useless now for him ever to protest ignorance of the photographic apparatus.

The man he had arranged to meet at Charing Cross was a 38-year-old examiner in the department of the Chief Inspector of Armaments at Woolwich Arsenal. This official had on him a set of top-secret blueprints of detonator apparatus.

He was waiting for George at the station, and so was half a dozen Special Branch officers and British Secret agents.

One alert Special Branch man, patronising a boothblack while his eyes missed nothing, told me afterwards: "After polishing my shoes, the urchin began reading a cheap thriller. He didn't know he was in the middle of a real international spy story!"

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At the Old Bailey, two months later, I was again present with my dossier of fingerprint evidence when George, described as "a revolutionary, spy and saboteur," got six years. His two chief accomplices each got terms of penal servitude.

Miss X, once again driven to court in a curtailed and this time heavily-guarded police car, waited in the judge's room. She seemed certain the accused men would plead guilty and that she would not be required to give evidence.

She was right. And as the news was brought to her in the guarded room, Miss X smiled, accepted a cigarette. "So that ends that," she said casually. She picked up her furs, walked to the waiting police car, and passed out of my life.

Navy's Top Secret

Officials at Woolwich Arsenal, receiving next day from Special Branch Detective Inspector Peel the hasty message passed on by Miss X, checked the serial numbers and memorised outlines....

found they referred to the top secret blueprint of Britain's latest design for 14-inch naval guns.

On January 16 the chief spy, George, met a man at Charing Cross Underground, was seen to return to him a secret text-book on explosives. The man was a previously trusted scientist in

the War Department experimental chemistry laboratories.

At the flat, Miss X reported, this text-book had been photographed, page by page.

On a winter day, Miss X left the flat in Holland-road, met the eye of the police watcher across the road, and walked to Windsor Castle Bar, where she was to lunch with George.

We watched them. Later they parted. George went to the flat, and set up some photographic apparatus. He left at 7-30 for Charing Cross Station.

He had made his first mistake! Until then he would have been behind him—I was to find out all his going would have supported him.

While he was setting up his photographic apparatus, with the help of a master spy he used gloves and left no fingerprints on the glazed dishes, glass negatives, nor the polished surfaces of the enlargers and camera boxes.

Big Shot Trapped

All set—he snapped a switch to test the two big arc-lights. One bulb popped into darkness with a broken filament. George, anxious to get to his appointment at Charing Cross Station, stripped off his glove, put back a replacement bulb, adjusted the green metal lamp-shade, nodded his satisfaction—and hurried out.

Behind him—I was to find out under my powerful little pocket microscope that gives me an enlargement of six diameters—he had left the clear impression of his hasty fingers on the bulb, the green shade and the switch.

It was useless now for him ever to protest ignorance of the photographic apparatus.

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INDIA CALLS TALKS ON BURMA SITUATION

New Delhi, February 25.

India and Australia will take part in an informal conference in New Delhi on Monday to discuss the situation in Burma.

The Government of India has also invited Pakistan and Ceylon to send representatives to the meeting.

The announcement was made in a communique issued by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs. The communique said: "The Governments of the United Kingdom, India and Pakistan have followed with anxious interest the recent developments in Burma. Apart from the wide issues involved, the situation in Burma will be one of the matters discussed by Dr. E. V. Rieu when he passes through Delhi on his way to London this week-end. Dr. E. V. Rieu left Calcutta tonight by air for London."

It is also expected in London that Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General in South East Asia, will attend the conference.

"These Governments have been in close touch with the Burmese Government. As Dr. Herbert E. V. Rieu, Australian Minister for External Affairs, will be in New Delhi on February 28, and the United Kingdom Minister for Overseas Trade is in New Delhi now, it is proposed to hold an informal meeting on February 28 to consider the situation in Burma."

"The Government of India has invited the Governments of Pakistan and Ceylon to send representatives to this informal meeting on February 28."

Reuters' diplomatic correspondent writes: India, in calling the conference, has retained the leadership in Asiatic affairs which she assumed by summoning the Delhi Conference on Indonesia last month.

Food Supplies Threatened

Britain's representative at the conference will be Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Overseas Trade Minister, who is already in the city conducting trade talks. A Foreign Office spokesman said in London today.

The spokesman believes India had invited New Zealand as well as Australia, Pakistan and Ceylon. The proposal to hold the conference, according to the spokesman, arose out of a request from Burma for a loan to finance the exportable surplus of the rice crop. The rice crop will be exported mainly for consumption in India and Malaya.

The main purpose of the conference is to consult about the restoration of internal stability in Burma and the threat to Burmese rice supplies constituted by the present fighting, the spokesman added. He denied a report that Burma has appealed to Britain for military aid in putting down the Karen revolt.

Common Frontier

One reason for India's initiative in calling for Commonwealth consultations on the situation in Burma is considered by the spokesman in London to be the fact that she has a common frontier with Burma.

She is, too, like Malaya, dependent on rice exports from Burma for an important part of her food supplies, and continued civil war might seriously reduce the exportable surplus.

U.S. TO MAINTAIN ARMY STRENGTH IN THE FAR EAST

Washington, February 26.

The United States Army announced plans to maintain its troop strength in the Far East at the same levels of a year ago—127,000 men. Its Alaskan forces will be doubled.

The announcement dispels published rumours that headquarters in Washington plans to cut down on American strength in the Far East.

While it previously had rejected General Douglas MacArthur's request for additional troops, the Army's schedule of deployments for the fiscal year starting July 1, backed up the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Kenneth Royall's declaration that the U.S. intends to stand firm along its Oriental defence lines.

Rangoon Successes

Rangoon, February 26.

The recapture of Maymyo, an army centre 40 miles North of Mandalay, was announced today by the Burmese Army.

In the railway town of Myingyan, 10 miles South of Mandalay, heavy fighting is continuing. Government troops there are attempting to stop the Karens advancing Northwards from Melikilla. The Burma Army headquarters which they now occupy.

Burmese Government forces also recaptured Myingyan, railway town 30 miles South of Mandalay, a communique reported.

The PVO (a nationalist group) joined Government troops to defend the oil town of Yennagay, 28 miles South West of Mandalay, but did in disorder the face of stiff resistance.—Associated Press.

The Communists attacked Government forces in Ngabun, a small town in the Sagay district, 28 miles South West of Mandalay, but did in disorder the face of stiff resistance.—Associated Press.

New Airport At Whampoa

Canton, February 26.

An airfield is to be built at Whampoa, part of Canton, in the very near future, according to reliable local sources.

This will be the city's third airfield. The site of the field has already been chosen and official approval given for construction work. Canton already has military and civil aerodromes. Extensive expansion is proceeding at the civil field.—Reuter.

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This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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10.30 a.m.—Programme Summary
10.31 a.m.—Relay of the Celebration of Mass from St. Joseph's Church, Canton Road. Preachers: The Rev. Father T. J. Sheridan, S.J.
11.00 a.m.—The New Concert Orchestra.
11.30 a.m.—Organ Recital by Edward Committee.
11.40 a.m.—The Light Opera Company.
12.00 p.m.—London Studio Concert, London Radio Orchestra conducted by Denis Wright. (BROADCAST)
12.30 p.m.—Sports Results and Daily Programme Summary.
12.40 p.m.—Home new Light Variety Recital.
1.30 p.m.—Philip Green and His Orchestra.
1.10 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Popular Concert with Music.
2.00 p.m.—Choe Down.
2.25 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.30 p.m.—Weekly News-Letter. (London Relay)
3.15 p.m.—"Band Call" BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Rex Jackson with Eric White, and Chorus. (BROADCAST)
3.45 p.m.—Emil Rost and His Orchestra.
4.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
4.15 p.m.—"Looking Ahead" A Review of the Week's Programmes. (Studio)
4.30 p.m.—"Come Into the Picture" Music and Songs from Northern Ireland. (BROADCAST)
5.00 p.m.—From the Editorials. (London Relay)
5.10 p.m.—Interlude.
5.15 p.m.—Take it from Here. (London Relay)
5.45 p.m.—"Emma" by Jane Austen. Adapted for Broadcasting by H. Clifford Ross. (BROADCAST)
6.15 p.m.—Symphony Concert. (Parade)
The Golden Sonata, Sonata for two Violins with Edward Hand and William Symonds (Violins) Ambrose Gnanoult (Viola) John Ticehurst (Harpicord), Mozart's Concerto in B Flat Major, K. 105. Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Hour. (London Relay)
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.30 p.m.—"Symphony Concert." (Cont'd.)
Perry 101st Anniversary Concert. (Studio)
Symphony in G Major (The English Symphony) BBC Chorus and London Sym. Orch. conducted by Lewis Woodgate and Stanford Robinson. (BROADCAST)
11.00 p.m.—Epilogue conducted by the Rev. Father P. J. Howatson, S.J. (Studio)
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PIECE

I've often wondered what I should do with my face if I was dining in a restaurant on a terrace above the Danube and a female gypsy violinist loomed up over my plate and played "You Are My Heart's Delight"—just for me, with 200 people watching.

I read about this once—although it was actually a male gypsy violinist playing "Parlez-Moi d'Amour" to an English girl called Doris, who'd sunk all her savings on a tour of the Continent.

It took Doris badly. A hot flush mantled her cheeks. She hung her head, and toyed nervously with her hair.

Up to the other evening I'd always thought I'd go right along the line with Doris, even to the extent, perhaps, of wrenching the spotless napery clean off the table.

I know now, however, that Doris and I are of different temperaments. For Doris it's the hot flush, mantling. For me it's the fixed grin, rigid.

I discovered this through a couple of opera singers, who invited me to dine with them—"in quite an interesting little place in Bryanston-square."

White-Hot-Hub

Bryanston-square has never seemed to me to be the absolutely white-hot hub of West End night-life, but the lady opera singer seemed enthusiastic.

We set out, accompanied by her husband—a Viennese wearing a monocle and a rakish pearl-grey frock coat. I had a certain suspicion already that the water was getting rather deep.

The interesting little place turned out to be a corner house—

in its outward aspect still one of the stately homes of England. But inside, in place of Lady Windermere waving her fan, there was a bare hull, with a number of notices advertising concerts pinned to the walls.

We deposited our hats and coats—or, at least, Mr. Dotzer, the Viennese, handed in his pearl-grey frock coat—in a small cloak-room on the first-floor landing; and then retired again downstairs.

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We entered a panelled room on the ground floor. A number of tables with spotless napery and a piano on a raised dais in the corner. Eight or nine people were already eating.

The lady opera singer—a Miss Audrey Marshall—at once betrayed anxiety. She said there had been for more people here last night.

I tried to soothe her by telling her that I'd once taken Dr. A. J. Cronin, the author, out to lunch in Dublin. We arrived so early that the waiters were still having their mid-morning snack, in shirt-sleeves round a large table.

Dr. Cronin and I, a little tense, had to wait for them to finish.

Miss Marshall's apparent enjoyment of this anecdote was interrupted by the arrival of the proprietor—a Mr. Pepe Pollak—short, fat, and cheerful, in a dinner-jacket.

Mr. Pollak looked exactly like the sort of man who might own

a charming little restaurant on a terrace above the Danube—and order his female gypsy violinist to play "You Are My Heart's Delight!" to speed up the evening for a foreign visitor.

And that's exactly the sort of man that Mr. Pollak was! With- in 30 seconds he and a dark lady from another table were singing "Wien, Wien, nur du allein!" straight into my face! Some time before I had, politely, informed Mr. Dotzer that this was one of my favourite songs.

They gave it everything they'd got. Harmony. Counterpoint. Gestures. The raised eyebrow. The tender smile.

And all this at the range of about three feet.

Old Vienna

I tried looking away into the fireplace, as though I too, were dreaming of Old Vienna. Then I thought they might mistake this for inattention, or—even worse—indifference.

I squared up to Mr. Pollak, and stared at him rigidly. Then I let the dark lady have it.

Even this didn't seem to be enough. I joined in, humming for a moment I could hear my own voice off the swallow's end of the piano!

We had dinner. The dark lady sang again Mr. Pollak sang again. Mr. Pollak and the dark lady sang together. Then Miss Marshall and Mr. Dotzer obliged—with, as a matter of fact, "You Are My Heart's Delight."

It was splendid singing. But one thing it certainly did, and that was to demand a reaction on the part of the audience. You couldn't just go bashing a piece of chicken about with somebody lifting the roof a couple of yards away.

I got together a smile—a good, firm smile depicting pleasure.

WHAT THE CHINESE PRESS
IS SAYING

Tu Kung Pao: The anxiety of local businessmen for the resumption of trade with North China is fully appreciated. Resumption of such trade will help relieve the current business depression.

As a distributing centre, Hong Kong's life is dependent on trade. Other factors which have contributed to the present adverse commercial situation in Hong Kong are the unsound currency in Kuomintang-dominated areas, the ill-effects of its import and export controls, and the dumping of American and Japanese goods.

Hong Kong is inseparable from the mainland. The only prospects are to establish trade relations with the liberated areas in China.

Future industrial and commercial policies of the proposed Coalition Government for China have been laid down in broad principles, although practical details for the enforcement of the policies are still to be drawn up.

From recent notices by the administrations in the liberated areas in Shantung, it appears that the policy is to place imports and exports under reasonable control.

Stipulations fixed for levy of duty on imports and exports are not intricate and exacting. Exportation of surplus native products is encouraged and importation of finished articles, raw materials, machinery, medical equipment, drugs, and motor vehicles is welcome.

A Ripe Plum

Kung Shung Man Po: The London "Sunday Express" likened Hong Kong to a ripe plum ready for the Communists to pluck. We expressed similar opinion in the past.

We have pointed out that military protection of Hong Kong is not wholly dependable. We must secure the support of the Chinese authorities. For instance, Kwangtung is lost. Kwangtung is the trunk of the tree and Hong Kong the fruit. Fruit cannot exist when the trunk is severed.

Wen Wei Pao: The Yangtze River now divides two distinct

at present, large scale business between Hong Kong and North China will be handicapped by the rate of exchange. Therefore, such trade in the beginning can only be carried out on a barter system.

A ray of hope beams on Hong Kong as far as business is concerned, and local merchants now have a chance of supporting the liberation movement in China as well as helping to promote production. The prospects of business between Hong Kong and the liberated areas are indeed bright.

Wah Kiu Yat Po: Vice-President Li Tsung-jen's speech at Canton contains nothing new. It was a statement of candid facts and expression of confidence in achieving peace.

General Li Tsung-jen's sincerity is reflected in his strenuous efforts for peace. However, within the Kuomintang and the Communist Party have been fighting for supremacy for the past 20 years. Enmity cannot be removed in a day. Sincerity and tolerance are the prerequisites to negotiations for peace and one man's power is not equal to the task. He must have the support of the entire Kuomintang and the whole nation.

For Peace

Sing Tao Jih Pao: To achieve general peace in China, not only must the two opposing parties mutually agree on conditions, but the ranks of each party must also be unified.

In the event of both parties agreeing to peace talks, each mission should be headed by a leader with power to direct the talks. Otherwise, the talks may result in a failure.

Although President Chiang Kai-shek has resigned temporarily, he has not relinquished control over military affairs. General Li Tsung-jen is now acting President but whether he is able to command the obedience of military officials is in doubt.

Unless the Kuomintang unite and solidly support General Li Tsung-jen in his peace movement, it is doubtful whether peace can be realized.

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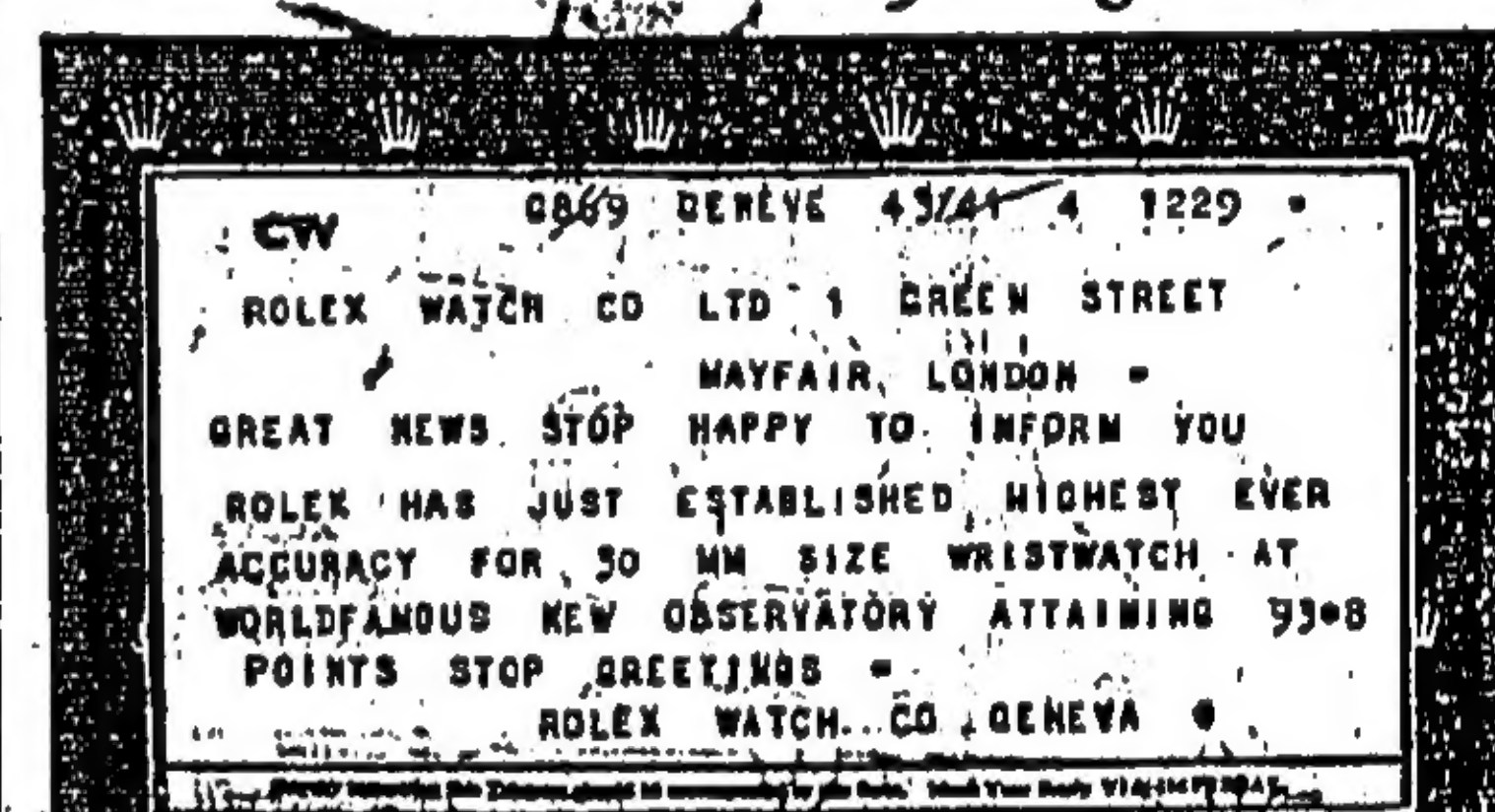
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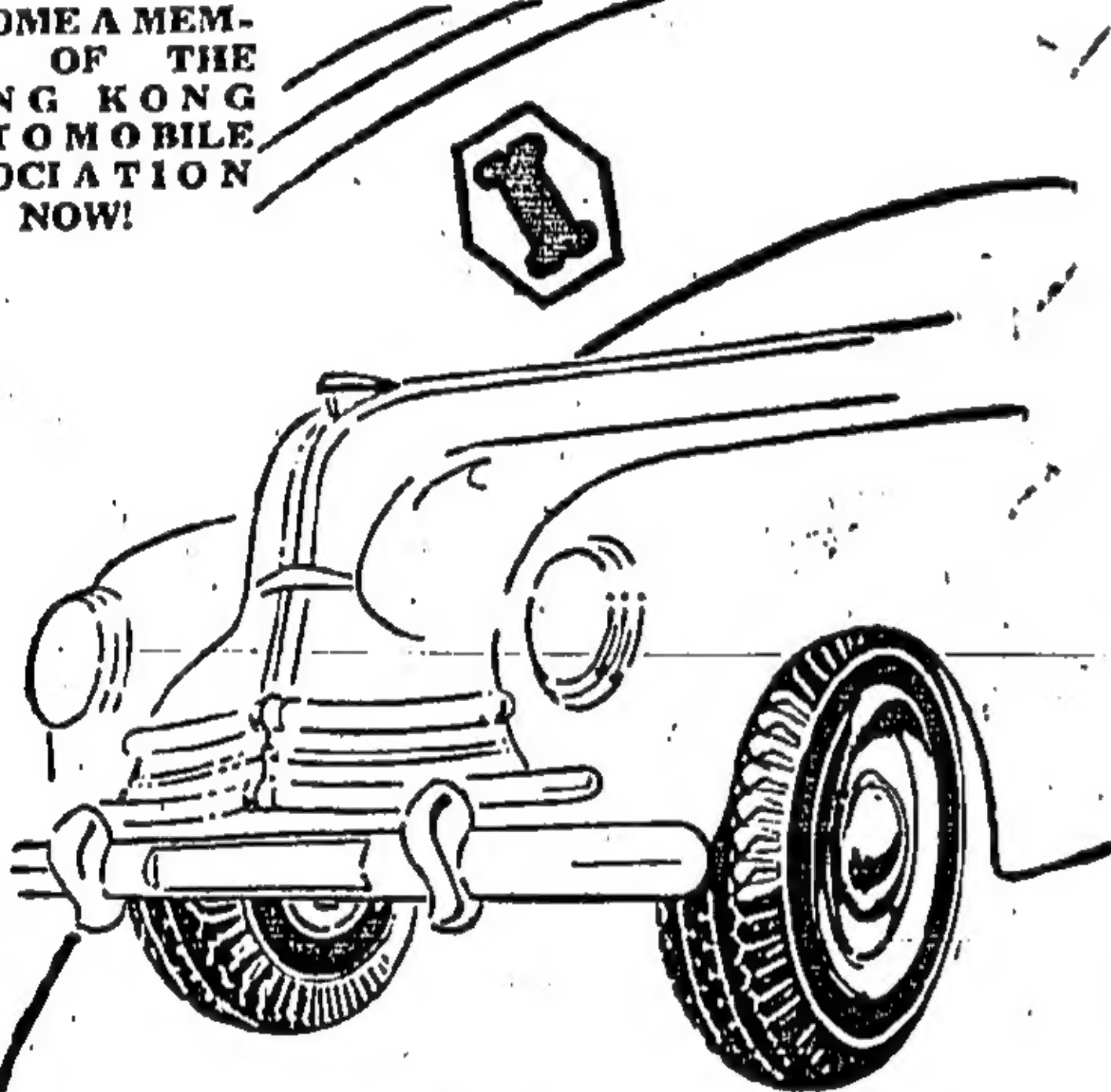
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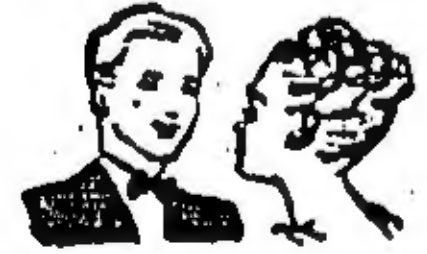
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JANUARY

(December 21-January 19)
New Moon this week will bring more letters than you expect and possibly an important contact through the post. Journeys are also likely or some useful and unexpected publicity. Difficult passage early in week but appreciation of what you are doing and some financial rewards on Friday.

FEBRUARY

(January 20-February 18)
Money problems become urgent in next few days. Be careful not to mortgage future profits to solve off today's problems. Best policy would be to play for time till Thursday and then look around for the right co-operation.

MARCH

(February 19-March 20)
A successful week if you are capable of acting on your own initiative and taking a plunge into the unknown. Much criticism from older people and lack of co-operation from your usual associates. Nevertheless, big prizes to be had if you are courageous.

APRIL

(March 21-April 20)
Your best policy this week is simply to mark time and let other people set the pace. Brightest day of week possible muddle or disillusionment would be Saturday. Ups and downs financially but you do unexpectedly well on Tuesday.

MAY

(April 21-May 20)
An old friend reappears in your life, possibly with upsetting effects on your affairs. Much spent on hospitality and pleasure, particularly towards next week-end. Difficult week for routine business but you may do unexpectedly well in speculation.

JUNE

(May 21-June 20)
Essential to know your own mind if you are to make progress this week. Opportunities to forge ahead, make useful friends, Friday. But don't be in a hurry to make far-reaching changes or travel plans.

JULY

(June 21-July 20)
Arrangements for next few months may have to be completely reshaped in next few days. Alternatively, overseas connections prove more important than expected. A good week for new business schemes, but one that brings irritating developments in personal affairs.

AUGUST

(July 21-August 21)
Your closest associate strikes a good patch this week and you benefit indirectly. Good prospects for anything that has to be done in partnership or close collaboration. Some worry though about family responsibilities or duties.

SEPTEMBER

(August 22-September 22)
Somewhat stormy but highly successful week ahead. You make a link-up that may not be to the taste of present associates, but promises well for the future. If married, developments this week good for the partner's health and fortunes.

OCTOBER

(September 23-October 23)
Essential to keep fit and free from worry if you are to make

the most of opportunities this week. Change-overs among staff or fellow workers make for tensions and additional responsibilities. But prospects of important deal and social contacts good later half of week.

NOVEMBER

(October 24-November 22)
Prospects of speculative gains on Monday, Friday or Saturday likely to fling. Easy to overextend, this week, but routine business waste time on unnecessary social activities in next few days. Difficulties threaten with staff or fellow workers.

DECEMBER

(November 23-December 20)
Regeneration of domestic affairs probable in next few days and any conflict with elders may develop rapidly. Nevertheless, a good week for change of all kinds and moderately propitious for finance. Don't risk money in speculation after Tuesday.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27: FOR MOST OF US: Today's New Moon promises success for original schemes, but little hope for long drawn-out or tedious enterprises. Good for travel and social life. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Primrose yellow, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Though at the beginning of the new year of life you may feel out of joint with the world, conscious of some personal disappointment or business frustration, yet you should end it with new hope and much improved prospects.

The last few weeks of your birthday year should be the brightest and most prosperous. Until August or September, play for safety in most matters. Certainly don't take business risks of any kind and be careful about running into debt or taking on complicated loans or mortgages. After September the financial and business situation should become steadily brighter.

Opportunities to make an important change, reorientate your whole existence, are likely to develop about Christmas time. Early in the New Year of 1950 you will probably like the plunge into a new, somewhat hazardous but very promising venture. Don't hesitate to break with the past, "cut your losses" both in personal and business matters. New schemes may involve overseas travel or at any rate a move to another district. Contacts with older people are likely to be disturbing this year and there may be a bereavement somewhere among the older generation. But other relationships should bring much happiness, in particular, you gain hope and strength through new friendships formed in the last few months of 1949.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28: FOR MOST OF US: Interesting day for the sports enthusiast but accident risk probably a little higher than usual. Somewhat difficult to avoid controversy this morning.

WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R. H. Naylor

This is the first of a weekly series of articles by one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, March covers February 19-March 20.

FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Soft red, 9, Bloodstone.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Now begins what should be a progressive if stormy year. Prepare to fight your way through most of it. Opposition and controversy. Yet your birthday stars this year spell success if you have the necessary courage and energy. You will certainly need both characteristics in the next few months. Some new scheme calls for downright methods and possibly physical courage.

Another period about August is likely to be equally eventful. Don't hesitate to take the lead in anything that is going on and don't under-rate your own abilities. Self-confidence will take you a long way this year, though at the same time it will probably bring much criticism or even scandal on your head. This could be a year of real achievement if interested in sport, this should be a year of real achievement. This should be a lively period but one that holds a little more risk than usual of accidents. Health is likely to be good throughout 1949 but you should be a little careful about mishaps to ankle or feet.

If now heart-whole, a hectic if short-lived love affair is likely to develop in the first half of 1949. If married, you will probably find that the males in the family are exacting and aggressive this year. An interesting point is that women friends and relatives keep in the background throughout 1949. It will be your male associates that call the tune.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1: FOR MOST OF US: Surprise developments probable this morning, allow for cancelled appointments, missed trainings. Food, however, for financial deals and legal business. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Royal purple, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Money problems will be the test of your worries in 1949. This coming year of life is likely to bring some curious situations and at times overwhelming difficulties, but throughout the year you should prosper, more than you have done for some time. Income should increase almost immediately and should have reached a thoroughly satisfactory level by Christmas. But it may be necessary to introduce business changes that you hoped to avoid. However profitable such reshuffles might be later, they they will be

disturbing at the onset. But wary in your dealings with officials this year.

It will be worth while keeping on the right side of both the civic and official authorities and of company directors and business might arise. Also, remember that year success in the coming year depends partly on your ability to observe the conventions and to keep in with the group in office. Yet, you will be mentally restless and dissatisfied and inclined to rebel against the dictates of useful but pompous associates.

Hence a difficult patch ahead and possibly a break with someone who has been helpful in the past. In your more intimate affairs, too, there is some danger of estrangement. You may fall out with a brother or sister or with some friend who has been close to you for the last four years. Those preparing for marriage should take care to test their plans in June or July. On the whole it will be a more satisfactory time for those already comfortably settled.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2: FOR MOST OF US: Difficult to settle down to any one job today but chances of achievement are bright in late evening. Difficult for business but moderately good for travel. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Pale grey, 5, Topaz.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Better face the fact that 1949 is likely to be a time for confused events and still more confused relationships. Throughout the coming year it will be more than usually difficult to slice a clear course, accomplish any job to your satisfaction. Distractions will be more plentiful than ever and concentration harder to achieve.

Although you will not be worried by lack of income, yet you will have more than one worry about how your money is being spent. You will probably have good reason to distrust some business or financial advisor and should guard against being victimised by specious promises of quick profits. It will be a year of many changes, though none of them are likely to endure beyond 1950. Reshuffles this year may be hampered by some difficulty in getting the right co-operation. Weather employer or employed, you will find that others play you up, shirk responsibilities and so on throughout the year. Yet it will be a time of much mental activity and should witness the development of a new and ever-promising undertaking.

If in business, it will pay you to develop the publicity side this year; if in a profession, make good use of new contacts and if possible link up with some helpful group or society. You will find your friends harder than usual to understand and may be let down rather badly by some treacherous associate this year. But it will be a lively time socially and you will find compensation for early disappointments in new friendships and interests.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3: FOR MOST OF US: Not a good day for bargain-hunters. You are unlikely to get value for money. But excellent for new schemes, unusual experiments. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Bright blue, 4, Emerald.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Although you are unlikely to make money in 1949, on the whole it should prove to be a year of progress and substantial achievement. Your main problem throughout 1949 will be to make income keep up with expenditure. If you can overcome that, all will be well.

Changes are ahead and will be worth while following up. Anything undertaken between now and the end of June should work out well. You won't gain anything by shrinking from unusual schemes or hazardous experiments. Changes may mean a decrease in income for the time being, although they should be worth the while. Dealings with foreigners. In either event it would be worth your while to go ahead. Keep clear of legal complications as far as possible and don't be a party to anything that might involve you in controversies of this kind.

But anything that involves official documents, permits, compliance with new regulations should go through with less difficulty than you anticipated. A few personal difficulties lie ahead; women are likely to prove a drain on your pocket and somewhat critical in their attitude throughout most of the year. But life will be enriched by a friendship with someone of unusually strong personality who comes in to year life in the next six months.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4: FOR MOST OF US: Take life slowly today and you will be surprised by your own progress. Excellent for finishing off long drawn-out and difficult schemes and also for re-contacting old friends. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Midnight blue, 8, Jade.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Think back to events and link-ups of 1949 and '48. You will probably find that they are helpful to you in your progress through 1949. In some way, past activities and old friendships will become more and more important this year. You may return to a former job or to a former business. Alternatively, you get your chance to forge ahead through an old friend probably your senior by eight or ten years.

Family connections are also likely to prove valuable. Financially it will be an unsensational but satisfactory period. You should get an opportunity to provide for the future, may succeed in getting a bargain in land or house property. Legacies are also likely before the end of the year. It is a most propitious period for embarking upon a new course of training and for any scheme that needs careful thought and specialised knowledge.

Though you may have to wait for results, it would be foolish to hesitate about embarking on some scheme of this kind. There is a good deal of quiet happiness ahead of you in 1949, probably due to the strengthening of existing relationships rather than to new ties. If there have been differences in the family circles, they will be healed in the next few months. Also, renewed friendships bring more satisfaction than you could have hoped.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5: FOR MOST OF US: Good day for outdoor activities, keep-fit, recreations and sport. Not particularly suitable for travel except during the first part of the day. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Vermillion, 9, Ruby.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: You can embark upon a new year of life with a good heart. 1949 should bring useful opportunities your way and more than one helpful change. Also, you will be feeling more energetic than usual and in the mood to take advantage of anything going. Important

months are likely to be May and August. In any one of periods you could safely take business and personal risks, a policy of "live dangerously" would probably prove best in the end. You will neither money nor prestige being too cautious.

Don't hesitate to set up your own, act on your own initiative, take the lead both in business and social matters. New moves or a change of residence would also work out well in any problems you may have likely to be connected either with mislaid documents or disloyal subordinates. If an employer, by theft if employed, be on your guard against plausible but unreliable fellow workers. In a family, young people will accept for most of your worries by being restless and rebellious. It is a good year for domestic life, whether married or single and most promising for introducing family and household changes.

DURBAN QUIET

Durban, February 25.
Armoured cars and aircraft used in a display of force to back firm police measures has brought calm to Durban after a week of mounting tension between Indians and Africans.
Natal's Deputy Police Commissioner, Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. Van Royen, today toured likely trouble spots with a direct descendant of the Zulu Royal House, Mphahlele, brother of Dint Zulu, paramount chief.
More than 1,000 police and troops are in the area. Reuter.

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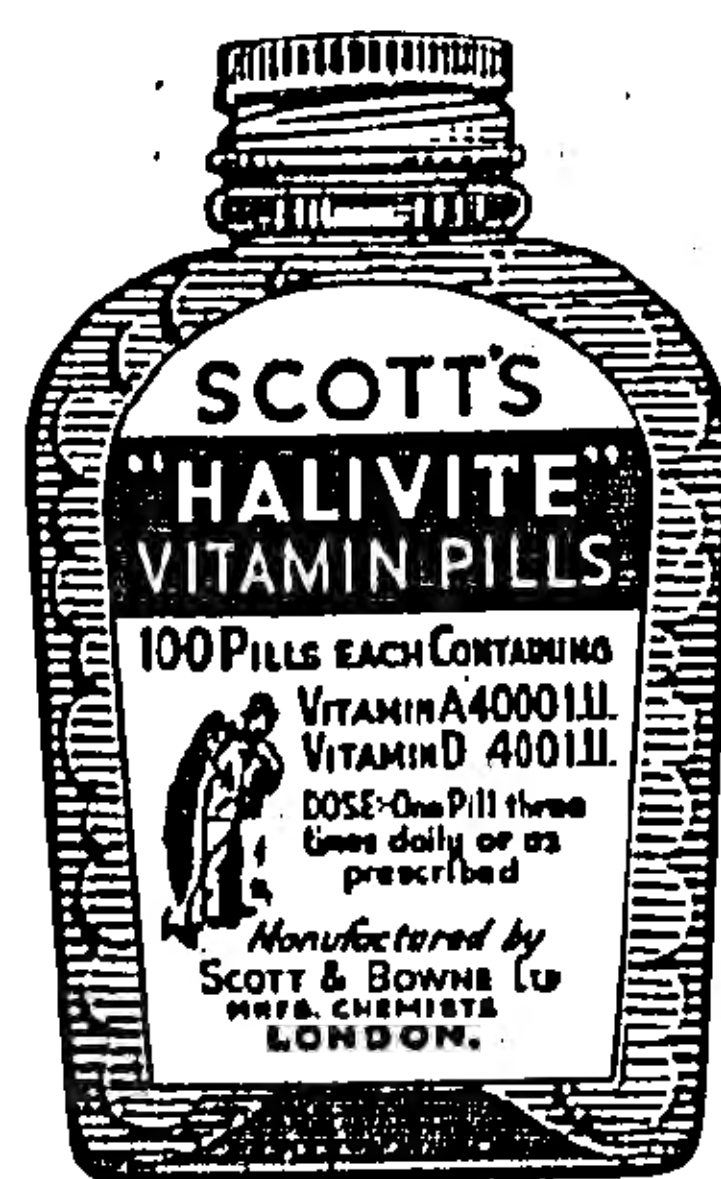
American Rocket Records

White Sands, New Mexico, February 25. The American testing station authorities announced here tonight that an experimental rocket has been fired 400 kilometres.

The rocket achieved a maximum velocity of 8,000 kilometres per hour—also a record. The American missile was carried by the V-2 to an undisclosed height and then launched itself on the second stage of the flight.

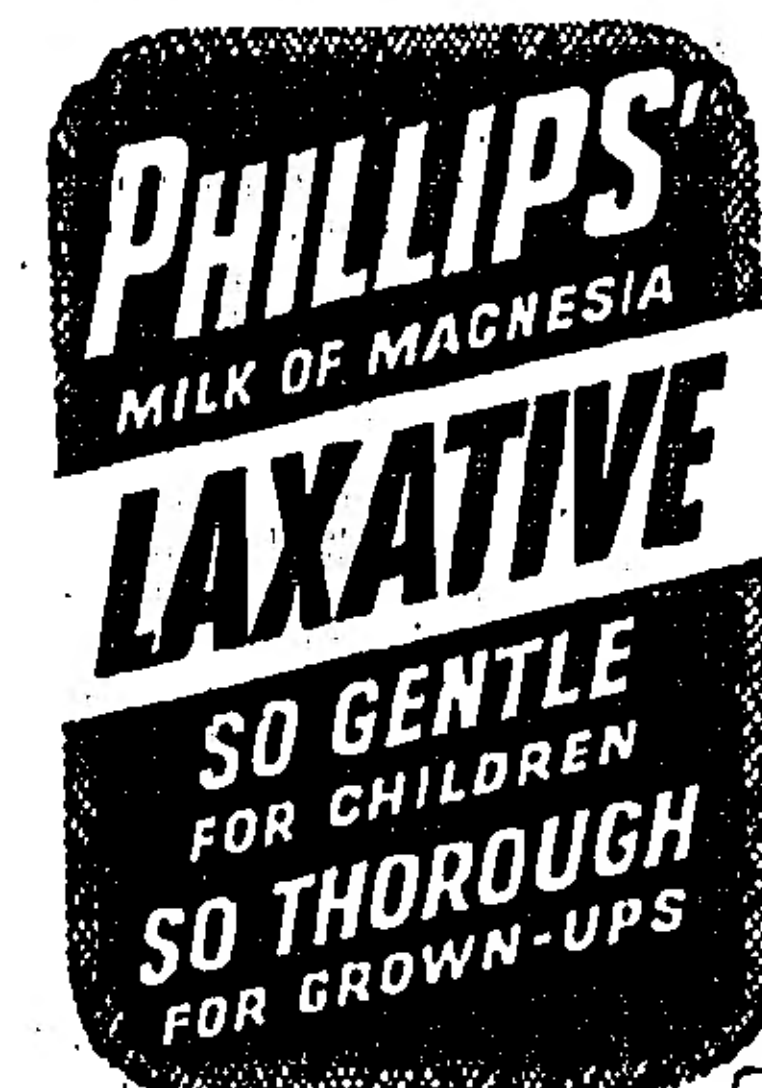
Together the two rockets were 20 metres long and weighed 15 tons.

The chief of the White Sands testing ground, General Blackmore, said: "At present no prediction can be made as to the possibility of hitting a given target, but even now we can obtain ranges of hundreds of miles."—Reuter.



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Helsinki, February 26. Threat of a Cabinet crisis is growing in Finland, together with reports of Russian army manoeuvres on the border.

Finnish Opposition party leaders warned today that there is mounting danger to the nation because of Norway's pro-Western stand.

The Opposition is demanding that the Government step down in favour of a coalition. A report that additional Russian troops are moving toward the Soviet Union's border with Norway came from an authoritative Finnish source. This source said the movement was observed last week and apparently is in connection with Norway's stand in favour of the proposed Atlantic Alliance.

Finland's frontier touches those of Russia and Norway in the North. Troops Reinforced. The Soviet Army is holding "winter manoeuvres" between Petkino and Salla, where her frontier touches Norway and Finland, a usually reliable source stated.

Witnesses' Juridical Immunity

Paris, February 26. Witnesses testifying in the Kravchenko Libel suit have juridical immunity, a spokesman for the French Government said today.

A Soviet note, handed to the French Government on February 20, demanding that the three witnesses be turned over to Russia as "war criminals," is being studied but has not yet been answered, a French Foreign Office spokesman said.

The spokesman said: "The normal procedure is for the courts of the zone in which the witnesses live to make the decision."

"The French Government is not competent territorially," he added, "and these witnesses, being displaced persons, have already been screened by various commissions."

The witnesses, all former Soviet citizens, Ivan Kravchenko, Mikhail Passatichnik and Nicola Antonov, have been testifying for Victor Kravchenko, now suing a pro-Communist French newspaper for saying his book "I Chose Freedom" was not authentic.—Associated Press.

TRUMAN SPEECH AT UN CEREMONY

Lake Success, February 25. The United Nations announces that President Truman will speak in New York on April 10, at the corner stone laying ceremony on the site of the permanent United Nations headquarters.

The Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, said that President Truman has accepted the invitation.

Mr. Lie said that Dr. H. V. Evatt, Australian President of the United Nations General Assembly, will also speak.—Associated Press.

BRITONS FOR AUSTRALIA

Canberra, February 25. The Immigration Minister, Mr. A. Calwell, said today that British migration to Australia will be extended another two years to fill quotas.

The scheme to provide free passage or assistance to Britons who want to settle in Australia already has brought 15,065 immigrants since 1947. Mr. Calwell said Australia expects the immigration figures to swell to 53,760 by 1960.—United Press.

Senator's Plan For China

Washington, February 26. A recovery plan for China was launched yesterday by Senator Pat McCarran, Democrat of Nevada.

He introduced a bill to establish a fund of US\$1,500,000,000 to stabilize the currency, revise taxes and provide economic and military assistance. Each phase would be under supervision of a joint U.S.-China Commission.

The existing situation, says the bill, endangers the establishment of a lasting peace and threatens the general welfare and the national interest of the U.S. and attainment of the objectives of the UN.

The money would be earmarked thus: US\$500,000,000 to stabilize the currency, US\$300,000,000 for economic assistance, and US\$700,000,000 for military assistance.—Associated Press.

Shot Wolves From Plane

Moscow, February 26. Sergei Gorbunov has killed 338 wolves with a rifle fired from a plane.

A Tass despatch from Kazan said that Gorbunov, a veteran of the last war, has been having great success shooting wolves from a PO-2 plane.

Using an ordinary hunting rifle, he killed 251 wolves last winter and during several flights this season he has bagged another 87.

No, he didn't pilot the plane himself.

Gorbunov made his report during a Moscow conference at the main headquarters of the Civil Air Fleet where shooting wolves from planes was under discussion.—Associated Press.

Better Prospects For Rice Crop

Washington, February 26.

Improved prospects for the world's rice harvest this year are due mainly to favourable growing weather in the Far East.

In estimating 1948-49 production at 7,470,000,000 bushels, the U.S. Department of Agriculture noted that good weather conditions had aided production in Asian countries which have to depend upon imports to supplement their own crops.

These countries are Japan, China, India, the Philippines and Korea.

The Department also noted that growing conditions are favourable in Siam, Burma and French Indo-China—the surplus producing countries.

While Asia's production is expected to increase to seven billion bushels from last year's 6,600,000,000, European production is expected to be about the same as last year when the world total was 7,000,000,000 bushels. Slight increases may be made in South America and another record is expected in Africa.

China's production is estimated at 2,300,000,000 bushels, India is expected to harvest 1,050,000,000 bushels, its largest crop in several years. The Pakistan crop is estimated at 500,000,000 bushels.

Japan is expected to produce 578,000,000 bushels, almost its pre-war average, but increasing population there is causing new problems. South Korea is credited with a record crop of about 155,000,000 bushels, or three per cent above the pre-war average.

Air Hostesses Say HK Is Marvellous



Two charming visitors to the Colony are two 22-year-old American girls who are here on a short vacation.

The girls, flight hostesses attached to the Alaskan Airlines, with a home base in Anchorage, Alaska, are Miss Yvonne Overholt and Miss Gail Jacobs. They are on their first visit to the Colony and in their own words, "We find Hong Kong simply heavenly. The place has so attracted us that we have, I am sure, covered more spots than many Hong Kong people have in their lifetime here."

The girls are enchanted with the beautiful scenery which the Colony has to offer, especially from the Peak, which they visited three times during their first week's stay "and wearing our cameras to the eye in the process," added Yvonne.

They have been all round the Island by practically every manner of conveyance and regard the fishing village life at Aberdeen as most exciting.

Tours Of Mainland

The girls have also made tours round the Mainland, climbed little hills in the New Territories and picked along the roadside in the little huts of farmers in the New Territories and had found fun in trying to converse with them with the 10 Chinese words they have in their vocabulary.

Rounding the Mainland, Gail and Yvonne have stopped at the Dragon's Inn at Castle Peak. They wanted to swim but found it was too cold "and besides, they didn't have any bathing suits to lend us."

The girls played tennis at King's Park and after, went on a two-hour bicycle trip which brought them around Kowloon Tong and then to Kai Tak.

The girls studied nursing after high school and both are registered nurses, and have been engaged in the profession for some three years before becoming air-minded. They joined the Alaskan Airlines a year ago.

The girls have been to many parts of the world, but their main work is around the Alaskan territory. Their planes are mostly engaged in government charter and deliver cargo as well as passengers from the United States to the country up North. They have recently been engaged in flights bringing German brides from Munich to the United States. They later accompanied displaced persons to their respective destinations.

After being blocked to large river craft for over a century this stretch was recently declared reopened following work carried out by the Board with ECA funds. Since then the British river vessel Fatsan has grounded three times, and it has become apparent that clearance has not been as satisfactory as originally claimed.

ECA officials say they have already paid for what the Board had announced was a completed job, and if the latter has been in error, further expenditure must be met by the Chinese Government.

Until this project is completed to ECA satisfaction, grants for further river work will be withheld.—Reuter.

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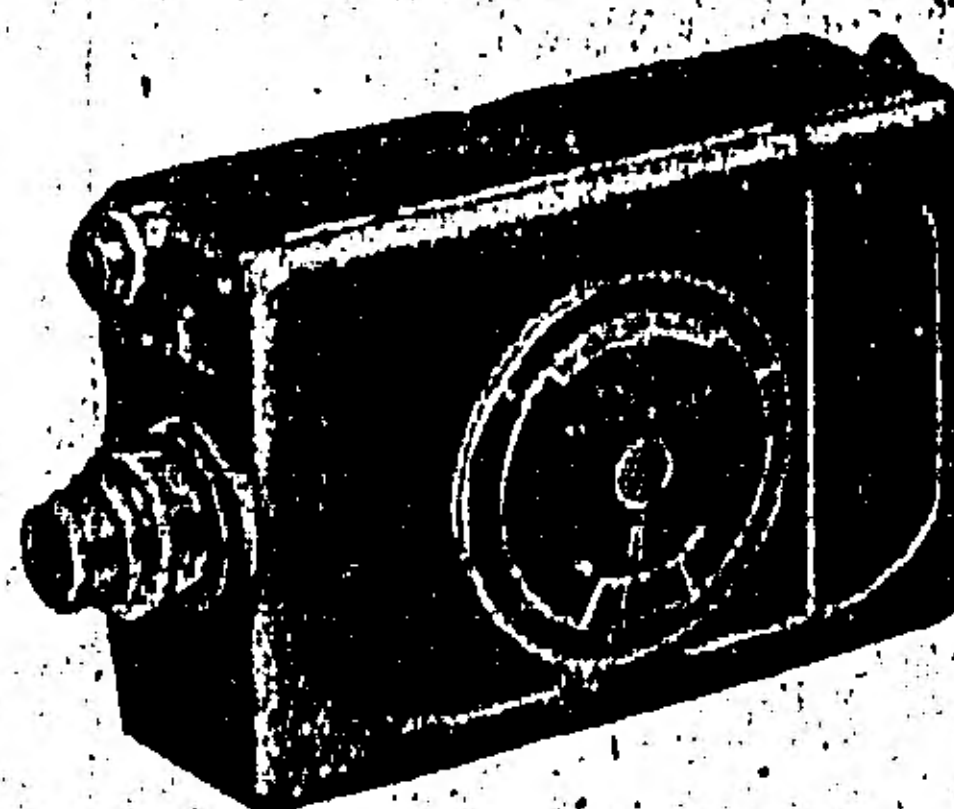
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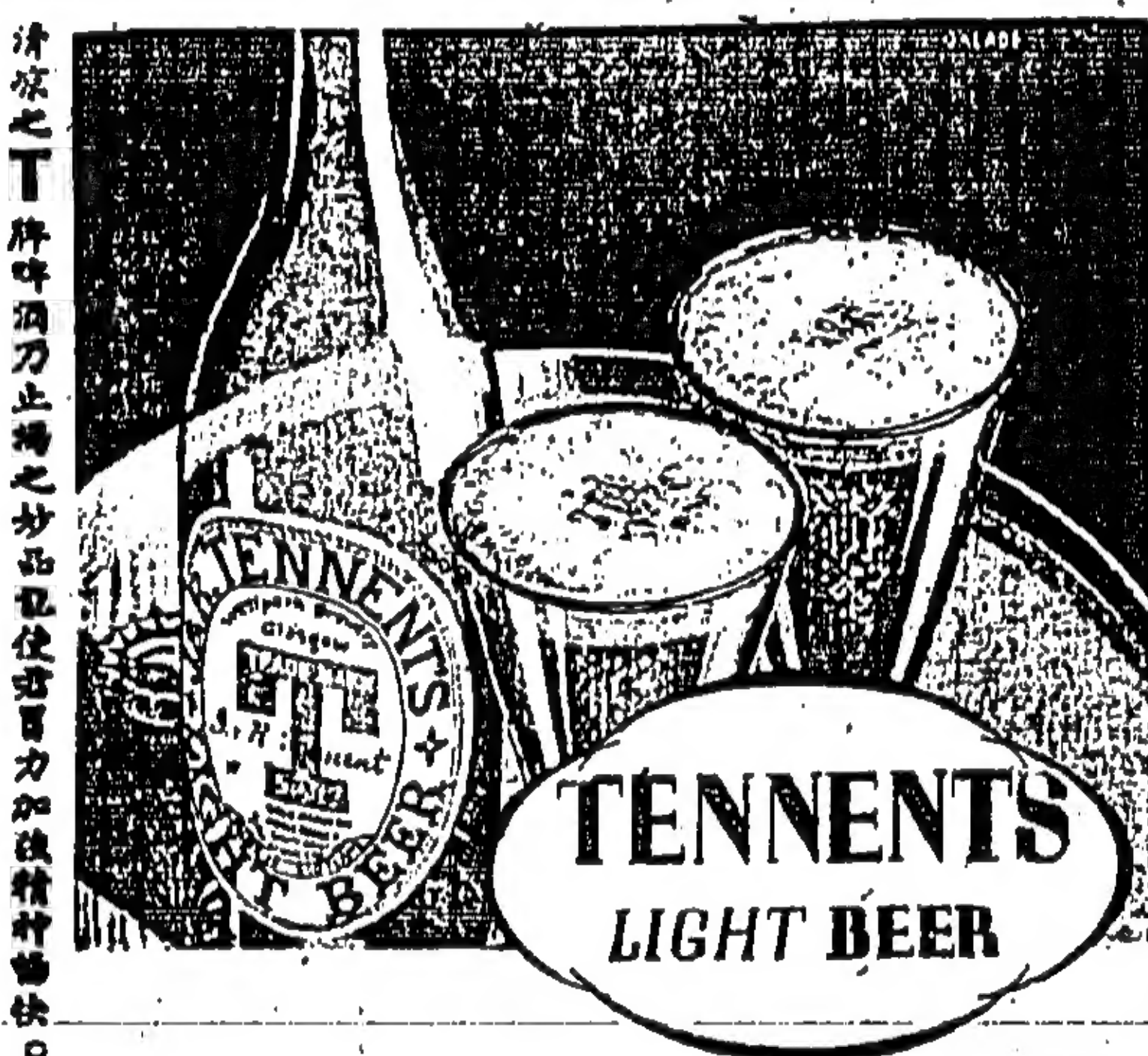
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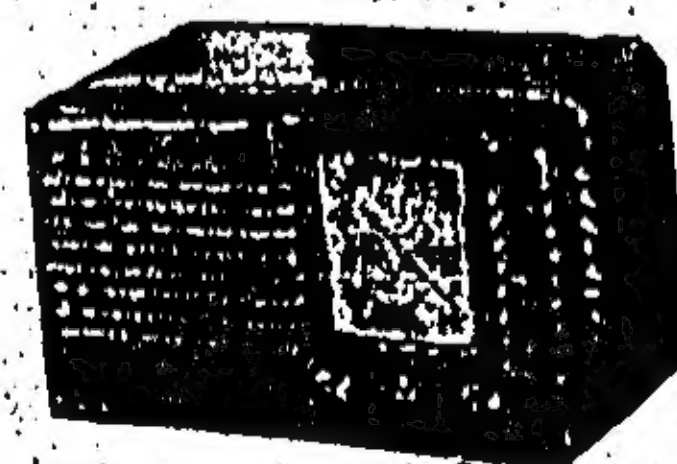
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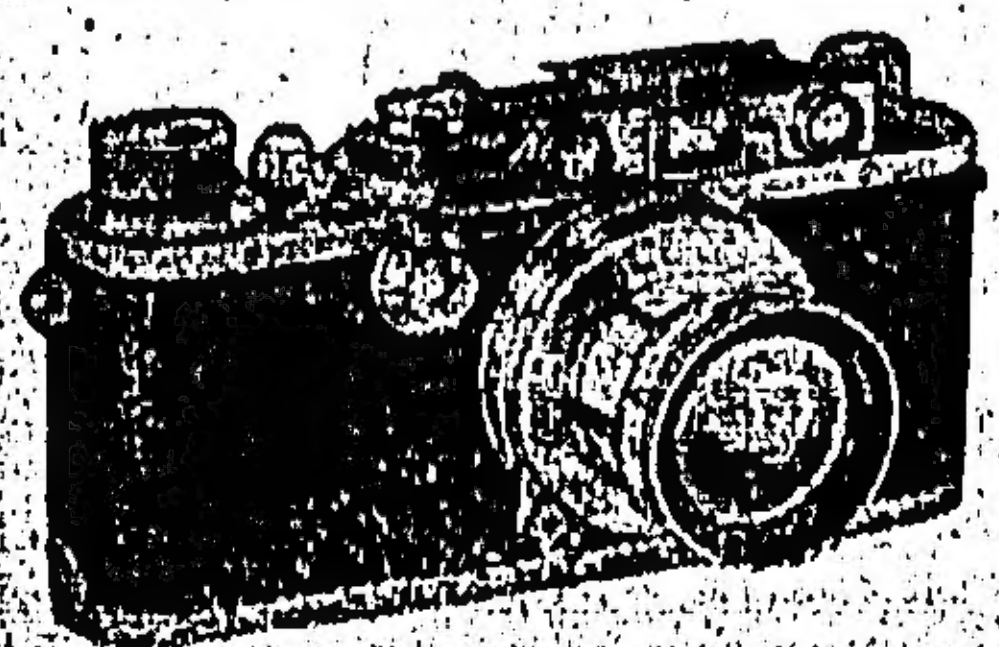
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METHOD OF THE TRIBUNAL UNDER DEBATE

By **VISCOUNT SIMON**
Lord Chancellor, 1940-45

The full statement made by the Prime Minister to the House of Commons placed the work and conclusions of the Lynskey Tribunal in their proper setting. A very difficult task has been admirably discharged by the learned Judge and his two experienced colleagues.

But in the debate, and before it, doubts were expressed in some quarters as to the merits of this method of investigation. It is pointed out that, in the nature of the case, no charge is formulated by any prosecutor, and no individual is arraigned, so that the precision required in proceedings before a court of law is wanting. It is urged that the process against injuries—suggestions unsupported by legal evidence—is not equally available at such an inquiry.

The first thing to observe is that a body created under the Tribunals of Inquiry Act, 1921, is not a court of law. A law court is charged with the duty of determining a definite issue between parties. Moreover, the Act does not prescribe that such a tribunal shall be composed of judges or other legally trained people at all, though it is certainly well to select individuals who are accustomed and trained to assess sworn evidence. In short, the tribunal is not a law court which pronounces a judgment imposing definite consequences, though the statute confers on it some of the powers of the High Court. It is a Tribunal of Inquiry, nominated by the Government which only issues a report.

Prosecute Or Not?

Next, a criticism has been advanced which is put in the form of a dilemma. Either, it is said, there is in the hands of the authorities sufficient material to prosecute an individual, in which case he should be prosecuted on a formulated allegation of crime, or else there is nothing more than unverified rumour, such as would not justify putting in motion this elaborate machine of investigation. This dilemma, like many other alleged dilemmas, is disposed of by remarking that there may be a class of case intermediate between a justified prosecution on the one hand and a leaving of things alone on the other. In this country, we do not consider that it is proper to institute a prosecution unless the evidence available, if left unexplained, would justify a conclusion of guilt. Criminal proceedings should not be based on mere suspicion or on gossip, however widespread; they should be undertaken only if the materials then available are enough to establish affirmative proof.

The Attorney-General has told us that he, in consultation with the Director of Public Prosecutions (for it is the Attorney-General, and not the Director, who has the final responsibility of deciding in an important and difficult case), found that the materials already in their hands were not such as to justify putting the criminal law in motion.

But there are circumstances in which, nevertheless, the public interest requires that suspicions should be either verified or dispelled by some suitable process. It may be right and necessary to find out the truth, even though the truth when ascertained, however injurious to an individual, cannot lead to any criminal charge. Sometimes a departmental investigation may be the appropriate course, and it is difficult to suggest instances where the debatable land ought to be explored by the use of the Act of 1921; the Savage case might be cited as an example. The conclusion seems to be that there are occasions on which this machine of investigation must be used as a means of finding out, by sworn testimony given in public, where the truth appears to lie. Mr. Churchill, on behalf of the Opposition, agreed with the Prime Minister that this was such a case.

There remains a more widespread comment which is really

Developing Oil Industry In Egypt

By **MARGARET GILRUTH**

The early part of this year will go down in Egypt's history as notable for its valuable oil strikes.

These have understandably enough been responsible for a mass of baffling and varied information resulting in secret reports from Egyptian, American and British experts to their appropriate Cabinet Ministers that, at one end of the scale, suggest Sinai will rival Abadan as an oil centre.

It is, however, undoubtedly true to state that Sokhny has found an excellent valve which tested at 40,000 barrels for six minutes. This, according to technicians in American oil strikes, may flow for one year and then dry up—or it may flow for 50 years. They persist that a brief test such as this is not enough to turn shareholders overnight into millionaires, and are consequently advising their Egyptian colleagues to adopt a sober "wait and see" policy.

All these new strikes occur in the Sinai at points quite near the water's edge and at a reasonable distance from the large cosmopolitan port of Suez.

This brings into the foreground two corollaries: no expensive overland pipelines—both vulnerable and expensive—will be involved. It is estimated that a 6-inch pipeline from the present strikes to the Red Sea edge will cost no more than £100,000.

And as the Sinai wells are so near Suez, no great oil workers' townships will arise overnight in the desert.

Workers' Conditions

It is a recognised fact that the big influential oil companies

offer conditions for workers unsurpassed by industrial undertakings in the Middle East. Wages are apt to advance with the cost of living—in Kirkuk only 35 per cent of the day-to-day employees on one company's wage sheet are receiving the lowest possible rates of pay. There are five canteens in the Kirkuk area, all operated by the oil companies, which serve 1,500 meals daily at heavily subsidised prices. The high price of bread is overcome by five model bakeries built and operated by the same companies.

If this sort of treatment on a large scale was introduced into Egypt as an aftermath of these new strikes, the lot of many Egyptians would be happy indeed.

Where and how to refine this crude oil surging out of the Sinai desert is a problem exercising the minds of men to be found in British, American and Egyptian oil circles. Some believe that Sokhny for the time being will use their refineries in France; tankers will be able to ferry it across the Mediterranean at economical rates and a satisfactory speed.

Shell, it is known, wanted to build an important refinery here in Egypt some two years ago; the necessary equipment was available; it would have taken about six months to complete. But difficulties arose, the equipment was dispersed. To cope with such a situation today, Shell exports state a comparable refinery would take two years to build.

At the minute, all agree it will be easy for this type of Egyptian oil to find a ready market overseas—and particularly in the United States—if it is sold as quickly as possible during the next year, before the huge Persian gulf development and distribution programme begins operating.

Estimating 5000 barrels a day from these strikes (apparently a reasonable and conservative figure) Egypt's oil should over the present year bring in dollar values worth £1,000,000.

based on a confusion. The objection to "hearsay evidence" is widely understood in this country, though anyone who has attended or studied a criminal trial in some Continental jurisdiction will know that the ruling in *Bell v. Pickwick*—"You must not tell us what the soldier, or any other man, said; it isn't evidence"—is not always accepted abroad. But what should be rejected as "hearsay" depends on what the inquiry is about. Here the inquiry was into rumours. The first thing, therefore, that has to be ascertained is what the rumours are and from what source they proceeded. But that is quite a different thing from the dragging in of innocent names by an unscrupulous witness, that is not unknown in Court testimony also.

There are, no doubt, objections which can be validly raised to this sort of inquiry, and which have to be set against its advantages. When the ground has been elaborately explored with the help of sworn testimony from X and Y (these initials are not to be understood as pointing to any individual who was a witness in this particular inquiry), would it be right thereafter to prosecute, in view of the fact that an accused person is not required to give evidence at his trial at all and that a jury must already have received a previous impression about the matter? The Attorney-General wisely said that such a possibility could not be completely ruled out in all cases, but he also announced that he did not consider, on the information at present available, that criminal proceedings should arise.

The Thomas Case

The sad case of Mr. J. H. Thomas (whose death 10 days ago, after 20 years passed in retirement, still touches an intimate chord in the hearts of some of his old comrades) was not followed by proceedings under the Official Secrets Act, and the Attorney-General of the day was quite right in deciding to leave things where they lay, after the adverse report of the Porter Tribunal.

The conclusion, I think, is that the machinery of the Act of 1921 should be rarely used, but that occasions do sometimes arise when it is the best available method for dispelling a mist of suspicion and where the public interest demands an impartial investigation. When a similar process was proposed to the House of Commons in 1936 about an apparent leakage of Budget secrets, Mr. Attlee and Sir Stafford Cripps, from the Front Opposition Bench, urged in preference to appointment of a Select Committee. Those who remember the Marconi Inquiry may be doubtful whether in such circumstances this would be a better instrument to arrive at an agreed conclusion. The general verdict will be that the present Prime Minister was entirely right in deciding, in the present instance, that the Act of 1921 was the best available instrument of inquiry to employ.

IRELAND PUTS THE CLOCK BACK YEARS

Says George Murray

The people of England, Scotland and Wales should know what has happened in Ireland. That distressful country has put the clock back at least 20 years.

All the political hatred and sectarian bitterness which has been dormant since the mid-1920's, and which people of good will hoped was dying, has been called into new, angry life. The South has been abusing the North and the North has armed itself with suspicion and hatred.

Eire Paradox

Now Eire announces that as long as this division exists it will not join the Atlantic Pact. Here, indeed, is a paradox—a melancholy example of a nation cutting off its nose to spite its face.

Southern Ireland is the one Catholic country of these islands. Among them all she could be expected to take a leading part in the fight for Western civilisation, for in Europe that fight has become mainly one of Catholicism against Communism. The Pope, Cardinals and Archbishops of the Roman Catholic Church have denounced the Mindeszy trial and the Bulgarian purge, and in this they have been supported by the entire free world.

Yet Eire chooses this moment to cut herself off from an international agreement designed to protect everything in which she passionately believes. It is sad to see Southern Irishmen turning their backs upon their world in this manner—and all because of a quarrel with their own countrymen.

How has this quarrel arisen? Why, after all these years, has this sudden fury blown up in the green island like the hot and searing sandstorm of the desert?

The Tragedy

It is the old story of intolerance and misunderstanding which has been, and continues to be, the tragedy of Ireland. The British never had enough sympathy for, or understanding of, the Irish. That is why Eire has become a Republic.

Now the mistakes made by the British in Ireland look like being repeated by the Southern Irish against the Ulstermen. They do not understand their neighbours.

If they did they would never have followed their recent announcement of a Republic with active intervention in the result of an election in Ulster. They would never have collected their £50,000 fighting fund against the Protestant North outside every Roman Catholic church in Eire. They would never have poured out a daily stream of anti-Partition, anti-Unionist propaganda.

These were psychological errors of the first order. They had the one effect which could have been foreseen by anyone who knew Northern Ireland. They drew Ulstermen together as a magnet attracts iron filings. All local disputes were submerged in this one over-riding issue. As a result the Unionists gained a remarkable triumph at the polls.

Farther Apart

Every real friend of Ireland wants to see the two parts come

together again. But today the two parts are farther apart than ever. This is what those Irishmen who clamour for a United Ireland have done for Irish unity.

It may well be that the whole of this new Irish trouble is the result of local party politics. Mr. de Valera, out of office, may have seen that his one chance of returning to power was to bang the anti-Partition drum.

That decision could easily have reached the ears of Mr. Costello, who would then jump in first by denouncing the anti-Partitionists.

This, it seems, is what happened. Mr. Costello first announced the Republic during a tour in Canada. Why should he have made that unexpected statement had he not feared being forestalled by Mr. de Valera? After all, Mr. Costello is the leader of the so-called Commonwealth Party.

Now Mr. de Valera campaigns in this country for a return to Eire of the Northern counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh. As Sir Basil Brooke said to me the other day about this: "The English are a tolerant race, and so they are. What a howl there would be if Mr. Churchill stumped Eire in favour of Unionism. Yet the two situations would be entirely comparable."

Mr. de Valera would do better for his country if he refrained from trying to stir up old hatreds by his inflammatory remarks. So would the Government of Eire, whose statement of intent to the Unionist victory in Ulster was not calculated to increase friendship or brotherly love among the nations.

False Picture

Quite in the manner of a communist from Moscow, they spoke of the Northern Ireland Government as an "unnatural and undemocratic regime." From that phrase one gets the picture of a people groaning under a tyranny imposed by a rich and powerful clique—which is quite untrue.

Such words could only have been used by people who have no conception of the depth and strength of Unionism in Ulster and of the people's almost fanatical devotion to the Crown.

Charges of gerrymandering and manipulation so as to assure the return of Unionists in Nationalist areas have been freely made against the politicians of the North.

It is said that certain divisions have been so divided as to weight the poll in favour of the Unionists. This is particularly true of the counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh and the city of Derry.

Huge Majority

In the election Tyrone and Fermanagh returned four Unionists and four Nationalists between them, which does not seem so terribly "undemocratic." Even if both counties were swept by Nationalists, no significant impression would be made upon the huge Unionist majority in the Parliament at Stormont.

The arguments go back and forth. Beneath them is the deep, dark undercurrent which may yet engulf Ireland—and Great Britain too.

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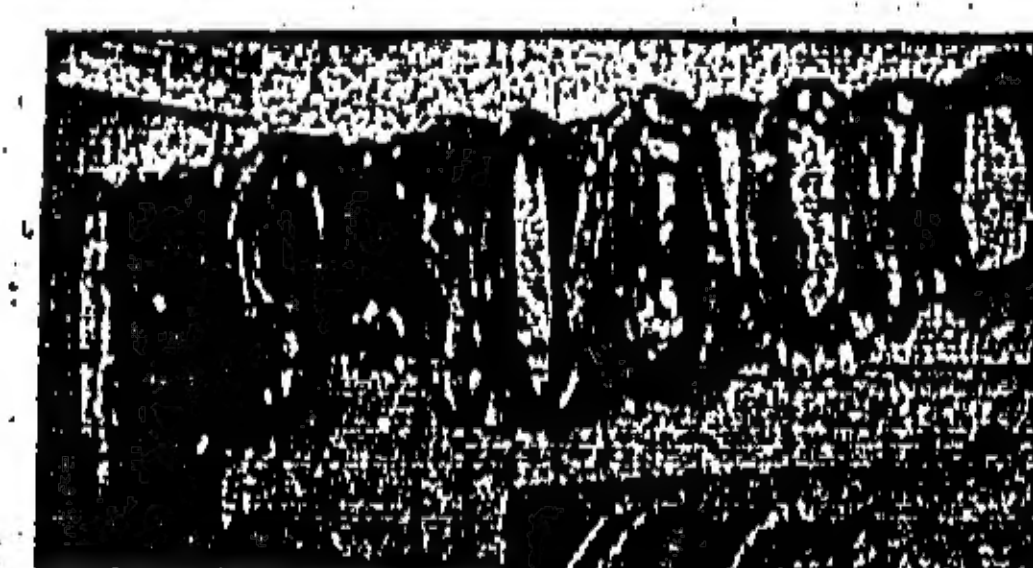
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Senator's Attack On Arms Aid

Washington, February 25. Senator Robert Taft said today that the United States' arming of Western Europe is more likely to lead to war with Russia than to world peace.

Senators in the Senate voted today to block the contemplated military aid program. The program is expected to cost \$1,000,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000 worth of military supplies to Western Europe.

Senator Taft may be able to block the contemplated military aid program if he makes an all-out fight against it. He said, however, that he will wait until the program is presented to Congress before he makes up his mind.

Providing arms is in no sense a necessity in connection with the pact, he said.

"In the case of some European nations, we can hardly tell now whether such arms eventually would be used for or against us," he added.

"I believe the arming of European countries, particularly Norway, is much more likely to lead to military attack by Russia than it is to contribute to the peace of the world."—United Press

POLAND SAYS HER PIECE

Copenhagen, February 25. "The Polish envoys to Oslo, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Helsinki have been discussing in Warsaw efforts by Imperialist circles to involve the Scandinavian countries in the Atlantic Pact," the Polish Legation in Copenhagen said officially today.

"Poland is vitally interested in seeing that the Baltic and bordering countries should not be the basis for Imperialist plans which could threaten the peaceful co-operation of the Baltic countries," it said.

"The Polish Government has consistently supported the principles of the United Nations, and in this case is especially interested that its Baltic neighbours should not be the subject of political intrigues, which are completely opposed to these principles."

"During discussions with the Foreign Minister (M. Zigmunt Modzelewski) matters were discussed connected with the peaceful building up of co-operation between Poland and the Scandinavian nations, on the basis of good neighbourliness."—Reuter.

GIGLI ILL

London, February 25. Signor Benigno Gigli, the Italian tenor, tonight cancelled a concert at the Albert Hall at the last moment because he is suffering from laryngitis.

Several thousand people were turned away at the door of London's biggest hall and told that the concert was postponed.—Reuter.

Sofia, February 25.

Nikola Mihailov Naoumov, aged 49 Baptist pastor, was the first accused to be interrogated when the espionage trial of 15 Bulgarian Protestant churchmen opened in Sofia today.

Pastor Naoumov, President of the Supreme Council of the United Evangelical Churches and Secretary of the Baptist Church Council, and his fellow accused are charged with treason and spying on behalf of Britain and the United States.

Some are also charged with illegal currency dealings and other offences. More than 100 witnesses have been subpoenaed.

The great hall of the Palace of Justice, after the reading of the 7,000-word indictment drawn up by M. Dimitri Georgiev, the chief Public Prosecutor, a number of American and British citizens are named in the indictment.

M. Vassil Zlapkov, the religious representative of the United Evangelical Churches in Bulgaria, is named out in the indictment as the leader of the accused. He is alleged to have stated in a confession that he had been "engaged in espionage since 1932."

Admits Guilt

Pastor Naoumov told the court today that he was convinced that "the historic moment has come for Communism." Although he had been opposed to Communism all his life, he declared, he believed today that under Communism "a new world is being born—a world of justice."

"If the social problem is solved, there will be more room for Christianity," he added.

Pastor Naoumov told the court he felt himself to be guilty. He said he had supplied military, economic and political information to Americans whom he knew to be intelligence agents.

The substance of his and other evidence given today was that pastors of the Evangelical Churches and American missionaries in Bulgaria had acted as American intelligence agents.

The pastor's voice broke at some points and he seemed nervous. One such emotional moment came when he told the court that if he were given "another chance" he would give proof of his changed attitude towards Communism and the Bulgarian Government.

Speaking before a microphone in the great modernistic main court room of the Palace of Justice, Pastor Naoumov said: "I have been under detention by the State Security Service for several months before this trial."

He continued: "I had always heard that people were supposed to be tortured by the State Security police. What did I find? I met a young man who smiled and was nice to me. I thought: 'Is this the State Security Service? I have always heard so much about it.' I call it a school of political re-education."

Personal History

The court adjourned at 8.15 p.m. local time while Pastor Yanko Nicol Ivanov, the supreme supervisor of the Methodist Church, was beginning his fifth hour of uninterrupted evidence.

The 48-year-old pastor told the court he pleaded guilty and stood by his published confession. He, like Pastor Naoumov, said he had been under American influence and that he made a serious mistake when he had

acted in the belief that Communism would act against religion.

He began his testimony with a personal history. "I must say that I am embarrassed when I say my past of which I am ashamed," he declared. He said he came from a small bourgeois family and from his early youth had been under strong anti-Communist influences.

He said another influence on him had been the American Methodist Church, of which he was a pastor, whose missionaries had not only spread their religious ideas but also American propaganda.

Observers from the British and American Legations were in court today. The British observer is the Assistant Press Attache, Mr. John Sanderson, and the American observer Mrs. Mary Johnston, the United States Press Attache. Both speak Bulgarian.

Napoleonic Law

Further details requested by the British Legation have been given. The trial is being held in the main court room on the third floor of the modern marble hall of Justice. There are three judges, of whom the president, according to the Bulgarian law, is a professional lawyer. The other two judges are chosen by lot from a list presented by the Bulgarian People's Council and are changed at every trial.

The court procedure, although it is also held under the Napoleonic Code of Law, appears to differ somewhat from trials elsewhere in Eastern Europe, particularly the Mindszenty trial in Hungary.

The accused himself opens the hearings with an uninterrupted long statement during which he tells in his own words his own story. The president does not appear to play the role of prosecutor and examiner as much as the president did during the Mindszenty trial.

The judge sat under a huge coloured mosaic of the Greek Goddess of Justice, depicted with blindfolded eyes, holding a sword in one hand and scales in the other. Although under Bulgarian law trials involving espionage charges are normally held in camera the trial of the 15 pastors is open to the public.

Chief Accused's Testimony

The court room holds some 300 spectators, who are admitted by ticket. The tickets are apparently distributed by the court on a "first come first served" basis.

To the left of the judge sat the prosecutor and to his right the 16 defence lawyers. All but two of them were chosen by the defendants. So far, two of the accused have been heard and both pleaded guilty.

Pastor Zlapkov, the chief accused, will take the stand tomorrow morning. His testimony is considered here to be of particular interest in view of his position in 1944 as the Bulgarian delegate to the peace conference in Paris and his already published confession.—Reuter.

Go To Church Move In U.S.

Los Angeles, February 25. A group of business and civic leaders today launched a national advertising campaign urging people to attend religious services.

Mr. William Jeffers, director of the Union Pacific Railroad, announced the organization of a "National Go to Church Campaign." The chancellor of Stanford University, Mr. Ray Lyman, is honorary chairman. The group will advertise in newspapers, radio and television.—United Press.

Yugoslavs Feel Hurt

Prague, February 25. The official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, today accused the Albanian Government of committing gross violence against Yugoslav diplomats in Tirana.

A report from Belgrade says: "The leadership of adventures in Albania knows of no diplomatic immunity or international law because it deliberately provokes the gravest possible tension in relationships with Yugoslavia."

One of Tanjug's claims is that the Yugoslav Legation Secretary and two employees were arrested on February 20 by the Albanian police in Tirana, and a police major threatened to beat them up. It also accuses other Albanian authorities of conducting themselves harshly towards Yugoslav citizens.—United Press.

Britain Arouses Russian Ire

Lake Success, February 25.

Russia's representative in the United Nations Economic and Social Council, Mr. Semyon Tsarapkin, said today that Mr. Christopher Mayhew, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made a hysterical statement before the Council yesterday.

Mr. Mayhew had challenged the Soviet Union to publish vital statistics, in line with other countries, and accused Russia and Poland with using economic pressure against Yugoslavia for political reasons.

Mr. Tsarapkin said today that there is no unemployment in the Soviet Union and, therefore, no need to publish statistics.

He added that Mr. Mayhew made a hysterical statement, which was intended to divert the attention of the Council from the full of slanderous accusations against the Soviet Union.

He renewed the Russian accusations that the condition of workers in Britain has worsened and that, altogether the "capitalist economies" are facing a serious decline.

"All the facts show that the socialist system is superior to the capitalist," he declared.

Mr. Katz Suchy (Poland), who followed the Russian delegate, did not refer to Mr. Mayhew's

WESTERN ENVOYS SEE MR. ACHESON ON DEFENCE PACT

Washington, February 25.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today met with envoys of the Atlantic pact nations—Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

Reports from usually reliable quarters indicate that they discussed the draft on the article involving military aid.

Agreement on this appears likely as a result of the reported harmony between leading United States Senators and the State Department on the subject.

However, full and frank consultation has resulted in a satisfactory compromise. The "Washington Post" in an editorial, says the United States Constitution lends itself to defence arrangements like that

while the final draft is not expected to be quite as strong as originally proposed when Mr. Robert Lovett was the chief negotiator, nevertheless the mention of military aid is strong enough to satisfy the European members of the proposed pact.

According to the best indications, the article will mention the possibility of an armed force to protect members of the Atlantic area if this is necessary. If adopted in this form it will leave it technically to Congress to declare war, as the Senators insist that this must be done, but the language of the pact will refer to use of military action for defence against aggression.

Compromise

Apparently the initial differences between the leading Senators and the State Department on the military aid article in the pact were due to the fact that Mr. Lovett neglected to inform Senators such as Arthur Vandenberg and Tom Connally on this phase.

Therefore they were surprised to see that military aid was mentioned in the pact without previous consultation.

Envoys Satisfied

Mr. Acheson's meeting with the Ambassador lasted three and a quarter hours.

The British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, said: "We made progress with our work. I am happy with today's developments."

The Canadian Ambassador added: "I will endorse that statement."

The French Ambassador, George Bonnet, said: "I think we have made some progress and will have another meeting early next week."

The Netherlands Ambassador, Eelco Van Kleffens, said: "Agreement will be the crowning glory."—United Press

CARDINAL WAS NOT DRUGGED?

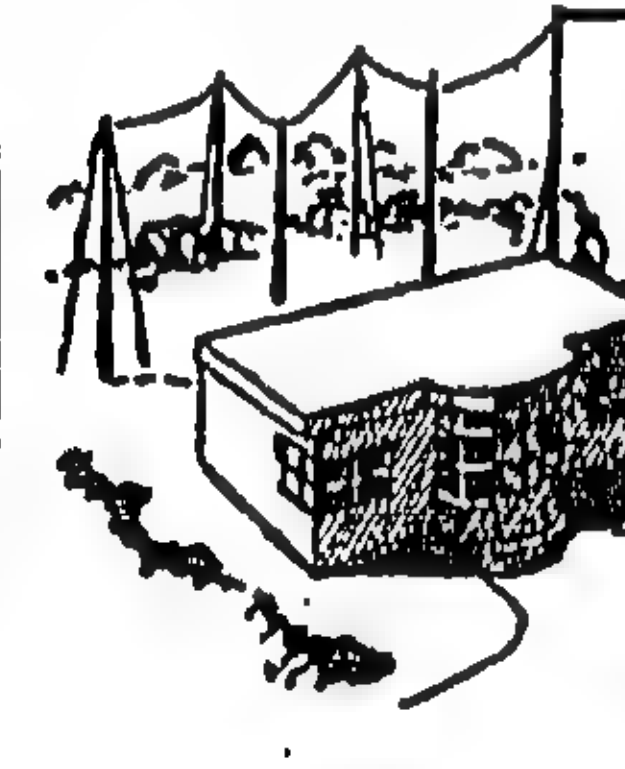
New York, February 25. Mr. Selden Chapin, United States Minister to Hungary, said on his arrival here today that he has no evidence that Cardinal Mindszenty was under the influence of drugs during his trial.

Mr. Chapin, whose recall has been requested by the Hungarian Government, added: "There are all kinds of pressure, psychological and otherwise, that can be used on a man."

Mr. Chapin said he thought the Hungarian Government is annoyed and troubled by the amorphous and repressed character of the Hungarian reaction to the trial.

"They would like to have a valid measure of its integrity. But this is denied them by the increasing and very considerable public terror which they themselves have created," he said.—Reuter.

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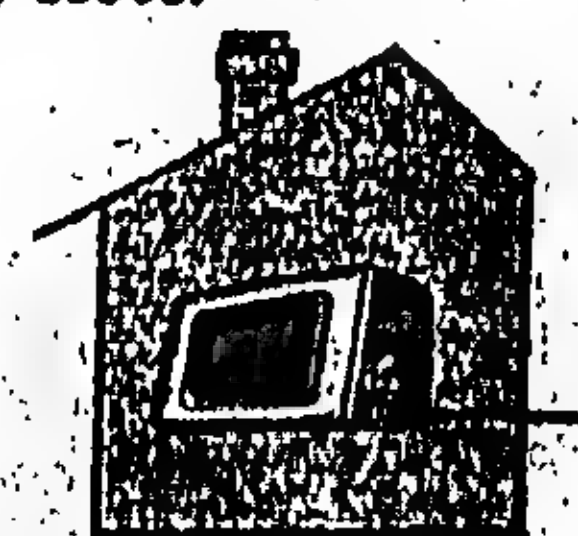
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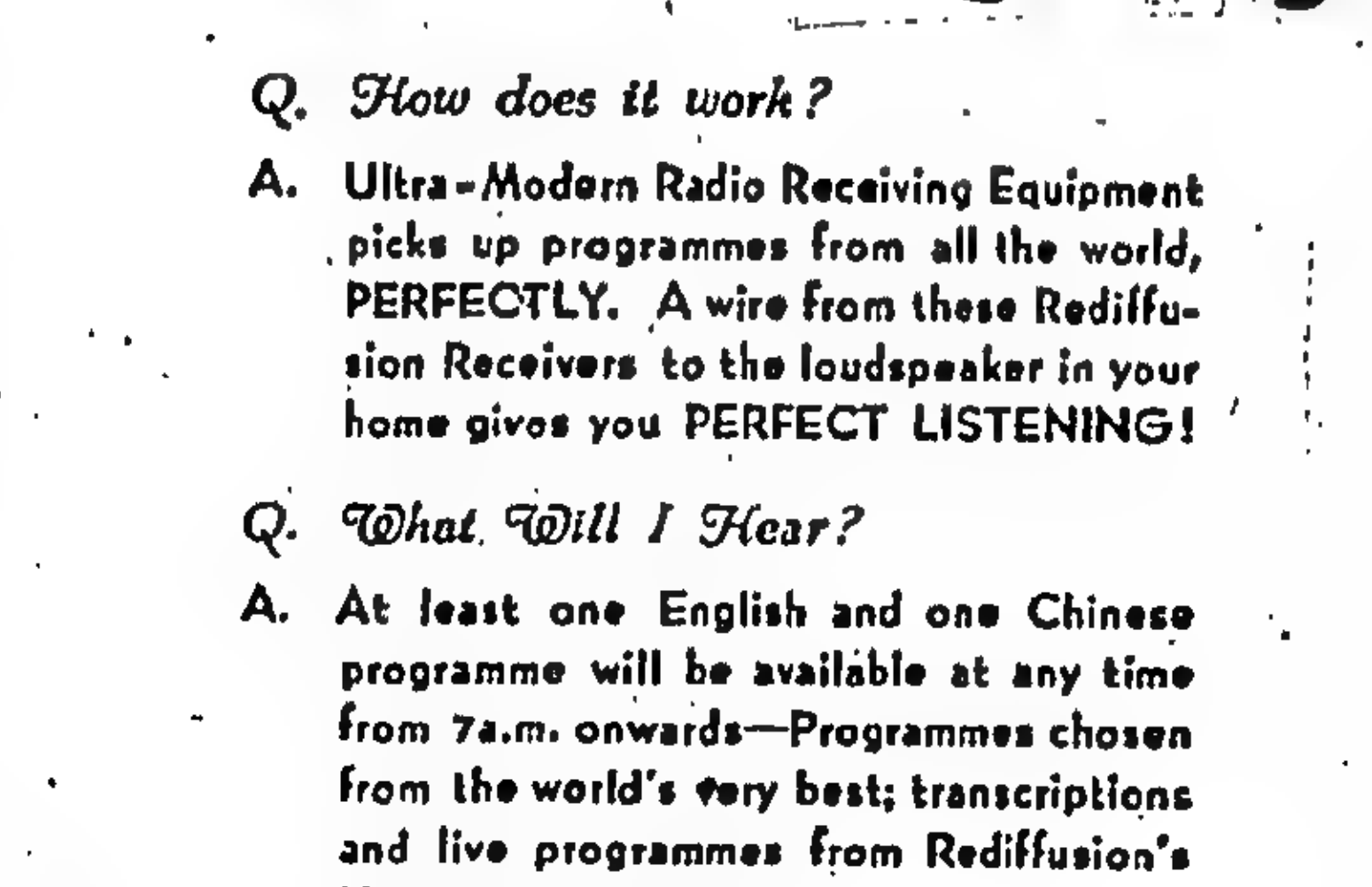
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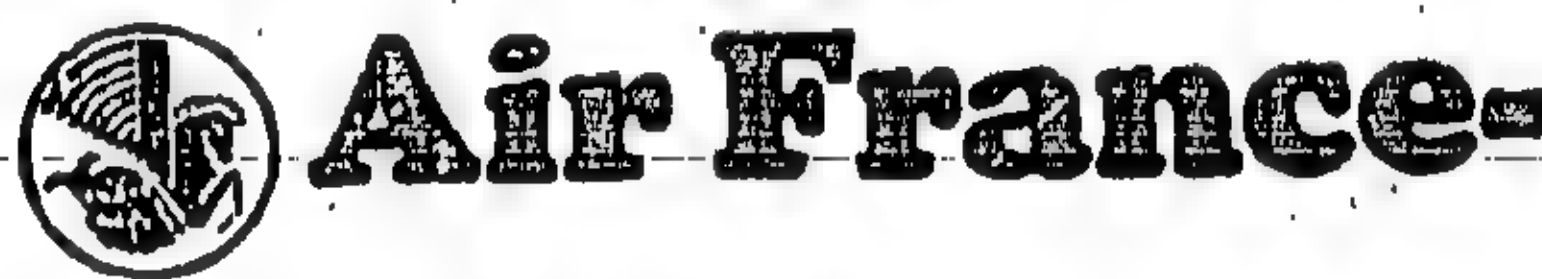
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MARRIAGE

AARON-HARVEY—The wedding of Ellen Elizabeth Aaron to Edwin James Harvey took place on Saturday, February 26, 1949, at St. Theresa's Church, Kowloon, (Shang-

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BATLEY—The interment service of the late Miss Olive Batley, of Cathay Pacific Airways, will take place at 3.15 p.m. today at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Percy Smith M.A. (Cortage will pass the Monument at 3 p.m.)

WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

The inaugural meeting of the Reform Club attracted the (to us) surprisingly good attendance of 400 Hong Kong citizens. As a beginning, this is most heartening to progressive elements in the Colony, that so many individuals are interested—however politely—in constitutional reform and presumably even self government. For instance, Mr. Bernacchi, a member of the committee, came out boldly and stated that the aim of the Club was to build up the local inhabitant's interest in Hong Kong. And, he went so far as to say, the question of representation in government would be considered.

Another member, Mr. Ma Man-fai, conceded that the less fortunate and under-privileged might not have much representation in the Club, but it should be remembered that to succeed in their objects, the opinion of all classes must be considered.

Mr. Loseby, committee chairman, intimated that a long term policy would be worked out, but in the meantime the first plank was a good neighbour policy between Hong Kong and China, followed by cleaning up the problems of housing accommodation and the rising cost of living. This is all very interesting. It was not mentioned whether we should be neighbourly to the Nationalists only, or to the Communists on the other side of the Yangtze, or to the Reds if and when they conquer all of China. There was no indication of how the housing shortage was to be overcome, nor were we given any miraculous solution to the gradual inflation process. Nevertheless, it all sounded very nice (that is the most appropriate word) and it is to be hoped that most of those present went away with a warm glow that things would soon be very different in Hong Kong. On the other hand, it is conceivable that many went away with some doubts in their mind, and that the literate element of the remaining 2,000,000 of the population who read newspaper reports of the meeting may not have determined then and there to attend the next session.

Remarks like that of Mr. George She that the Club should form a sort of parliament and discuss the same questions as the Legislative Council, and "then compare their opinion and ours" were greeted with appreciative laughter. That was the tone of the meeting.

This may sound like carping criticism, but if so, it is because we are exceedingly keen on the theory of a Reform Club in Hong Kong, where a genuine, fearless and freedom-seeking body of people could really clean up the putrefying, one-sided system which provides paradise for the privileged and purgatory below the starvation level for the many. The Club may develop into a forum for voicing

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS AND THE REDS

What is the future—if there is to be any future—of Catholic and Protestant Missions in a Communist China?

Such evidence as is available up to date does not encourage one to take an optimistic view. There has been ample proof that the Chinese Reds are anti-foreign (especially anti-American), anti-religious (with special hostility towards Roman Catholic personnel, of whom some scores have already suffered martyrdom), and anti-educational except for institutions specialising in Communist indoctrination.

It has been reported, it is true, that in some districts Protestant Missions have not as yet suffered serious persecution. But the Com-

Missions can best be judged from what has happened to institutions of higher education that have come within their power. The Reds may temporarily find the continuance of medical missionary work convenient, and, in some rural areas, see no necessity for immediately clamping down upon proselytizing. But, as the list of so-called "War Criminals," now extended to upwards of 900, includes nearly every Chinese—clergy leaders, writers, professors, scientists, etc.—who have been leaders in the extension of Western culture, and, in addition, to facing persecution, all their books and works are under a Communist ban, it would be foolish optimism to expect that Christian Missions and their medical and educational institutions, will be allowed to function normally for very long.

Foreign Funds Forbidden

In Mukden the Reds have forbidden missionary schools to receive funds from abroad, to employ foreign teachers, or to charge any scholastic fees. In Peking the Reds have organised a revolt against the Foreign Catholic personnel of Peking University. News from Tientsin, Shanghai, indicates that the staff of the important Cheloo University are considering throwing in their hands. They have been notified that Missionary work is not regarded as a "productive profession" and ordered to accept teaching posts in the local Middle Schools, or to get out.

Daily lessons in the Sun Min Chu have been banned, and lessons

from Marxist textbooks substituted—textbooks which abound with anti-Christian, atheistic propaganda. The Missions are required to pay the salaries of anti-Christian teachers, and denied the right to collect fees from any students who profess to be unable to pay. The days of this magnificently equipped Union University, therefore, appear to be numbered, unless the unthinkable happens, and Christian missionaries show a willingness to conform to Communism.

In my view the Missions are not entirely blameless for what has happened. In Japan they

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weakened their whole position in pre-war years by an unworthy compromise on Emperor Worship. In China most Missionary Schools and Colleges complied with the demand of the Kuomintang regime to organise daily classes in the Sun Min Chu.

Historical Falsehoods

It was not their fault, or their business, if the ruling clique in China decided to enforce Dr. Sun Yat-sen's teachings. But any educated missionary who pursued the Sun Min Chu could hardly have failed to realize that it was crammed with historical falsehoods, economic fallacies and xenophobic teachings. I have never been able to understand how strict loyalty to their constituents abroad could be reconciled with the inculcation of doctrines that the missionaries must have known to be misleading and subversive.

They accumulated, however, to the point of registration and official recognition, and have thus paved the way for the Reds to argue, with some logic, that if they were willing on Kuomintang orders to give tuition in the Sun Min Chu, they ought now to show an equal readiness to hold classes on Karl Marx and Leninism.

There can, however, be no room for any compromise on this issue, if the Roman Catholic and Protestant Missions are to keep faith

with their constituents abroad, and fulfill the conditions of the Trusts under which many of their buildings have been created, and many of their professional chairs, endowed.

The teachings of Christ, and of Marx and his followers, cannot conceivably be reconciled. Even if it involves the risk of losing control of the valuable buildings and equipment furnished by Christian congregations and sympathisers in foreign lands, and of having, at least temporarily, to abandon every form of essentially Christian activity in China, there can be no compromise with the devil on this occasion.

And if the fate of Che Lo University is to be regarded as a precedent, the Chinese Reds can be regarded as being on the verge of a new work in those areas in China under Red domination. The patient and daily work of over a century will have to be abandoned, and fresh fields sought and exploited for missionary activities.

Complete Uprooting

The latest lists of "War Criminals" leave little doubt that one of the main objectives of the Chinese Communists is the complete uprooting of all civilising Western influences. How this policy can be reconciled with the welfare of China and her people, and with the maintenance of those large cities—Shanghai especially—which owe their growth and modernisation to European and American initiative, remains to be seen.

Certainly it is that a really Communist regime cannot co-exist with such ideologies as freedom of religion, of speech, of education, and of publication. Recent virulent attacks on the correspondents of the large Press Agencies in Peking leave little if any doubt that once in control of any area in China, the Reds will tolerate no form of reporting or publication that does not conform to Communist propaganda.

Christian educational institutions are no more likely to be tolerated in a form satisfactory to their mother Churches than they would be in Soviet Russia. And no foreseeable good can result from ignoring this fact, and attempting to compromise on matters of vital principle to the Churches and congregations which have financed and directed missionary work in the past.

WHY DO THEY ALWAYS CONFESS?

By Scrutator

dearest relatives. But it may be doubted if these methods would suffice.

If they did, Hitler, who could test them fully, would have gone in more for public trials. A great deal of torture and beating-up for its own sake has figured in the practice of Nazi and Communist secret police alike. But Hitler destroyed his more eminent victims summarily or secretly; the refinement of getting them to confess in public, and so justify their own condemnation seems in general to have been beyond him.

After all it is difficult to torture a man without his showing traces of it, when he comes into court, or to press him by threats against

relatives if he is a celibate priest whose parents are already dead. Yet some very effective means of pressure there must be. It is not otherwise possible to convince prisoners developing this universal talent for confessing whatever the prosecution wants them to confess.

The commonest suggestion is that drugs are employed. It is a natural guess that they would be; indeed, in all the circumstances it might seem rather surprising if they were not. If they are more or less tasteless in food, the prisoner, who has to eat and drink what is given him, is practically helpless in the matter.

Others have believed in the use of hypnosis; and here again, having regard to what is known as to its possibilities, it would perhaps be more surprising if it were. Interrogators are employed for weeks on end in the secrecy of a prison to strip off the prisoner's psychological armour and conquer the defences of his mind. Why should they neglect this obvious weapon? Would it not seem natural to combine it with a course of drugging?

These, it may be said, are merely conjectures. So they are; but what else could they be? No prisoners have yet been released to tell the world how their minds were mastered; nor, if they were, could they themselves, in all probability, do more than guess at what had been done to them.

Yet it is hardly believable that all these confessions drop automatically out of the guilty hearts of the prisoners. Human nature and human experience are all against it; and the refugee who escapes to the West from Iron Curtain countries seem to be in no doubt that the Soviet authorities have special, very powerful levers at their disposal.

Cardinal Mindszenty himself clearly shared this common conviction, when in November last he wrote his now famous letter saying that if he were arrested, any confession he might be induced to make should be regarded "as a consequence of human frailty," and he went on, "in advance I declare, it null and void."

This declaration he expressly recanted during his trial; but, of course, no more value attaches to a recantation in court than to the rest of his evidence there; which, as a whole, entirely conformed to the regular pattern—i.e., he said everything that the prosecution wanted him to say and much that, before he went to prison, few would have conceived of his saying.

His trial has been classified above as a Russian trial, and that is the right heading under which to consider it. The Cardinal's gaoler and his judges were alike Hungarian, and the stage was set in the Hungarian capital. But it would have been conducted in just the same way if the scene had been in Rumania or Bulgaria or Poland or Czechoslovakia, all those countries having had their institutions squeezed by force into the Russian mould.

Clearly Timed

More, the same Power which has imposed its methods on them dictates their policy. The decision to arrest and convict the outstanding Roman Catholic leader in a mainly Roman Catholic country was made, we may be sure, not in Budapest, but in Moscow. It was clearly timed in relation to other anti-religious steps in other satellite countries, or which the trial of 16 leaders of the United Evangelical Church in Bulgaria is to be the next.

These 16 Protestant ministers have been in prison awaiting trial since far back in 1948. Evidently it was thought better not to bring them into court until the bigger affair of the Cardinal had been liquidated. Now Bulgaria's plate is clean it is Bulgaria's turn.

The Bulgarian Deputy Foreign Minister has assured the Press that no religious issue is at stake, since complete religious freedom is guaranteed by the Constitution. The ministers will be tried for "specific offences" (espionage and currency dealings)—"to which in a preliminary investigation they fully confessed!"

Some of our English commentators seem naively inclined to take such disclaimers of anti-religious motive at their face value. But deeds speak louder than words. What Russia is plainly attempting in her satellite countries is to deprive the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches of their leading figures.

Stalin Is Willin'



YOUR MONEY AND YOUR LIFE

By John Hall

* By last week business leaders had made up their minds that the breeze which started fanning John Bull's pocket six or seven months ago had developed into a financial East wind. By the week-end ordinary citizens, increasingly hard up and worried by the announcement of £21,000,000 overspending by the Government, were asking what was happening. These were some of the things:

Big changes are taking place in the pattern of the nation's spending. John and Mrs. Bull have cut down on less essentials. The luxury trades, the amusement trades all report that since the New Year takings have dropped, and are still dropping. Cinemas say box-office takings are down by five per cent.

Shops admit that the January sales did not come up to expectations. The car industry reports a break in the seller's market, especially for the higher-priced cars.

In the past six months house prices have gone down—as much as £1,000 or more on five-bed-room houses in the London area—and they are still falling.

Hotels are less crowded. In London taxi drivers are now looking for fares, and the night clubs say business has slumped. There is less drinking, less money in evidence at race meetings.

Look at the Stock Exchange. Shares have fallen 3s. to 10s. in a few months, greyhound track shares 6s., radio firms' shares 7s., and many industrial shares are down.

Apparent paradox is that thousands of workers now have more take-home pay than they had a year ago on average pay increases last year gave wages an extra 3s. a week—and that should have boosted spending. Traders claim that masses of people are holding off buying many items, notably clothes and household goods, because they ex-

pect cuts in purchase tax and lower prices. But the value of money still falls. During 1948 retail prices and the cost of services rose by nearly 3 per cent. That rise and the crippling taxation are the core of the financial East wind.

While PAYE stays high you are having to spend more money on food, fuel and light, and clothes than you had to pay a year ago, even six months ago.

That means you have less to spend on other things. So the pattern changes.

Bank experts say that at last the nation has got back to day-to-day living. The torrent of lump-sum money that gushed out after the war has almost dried up.

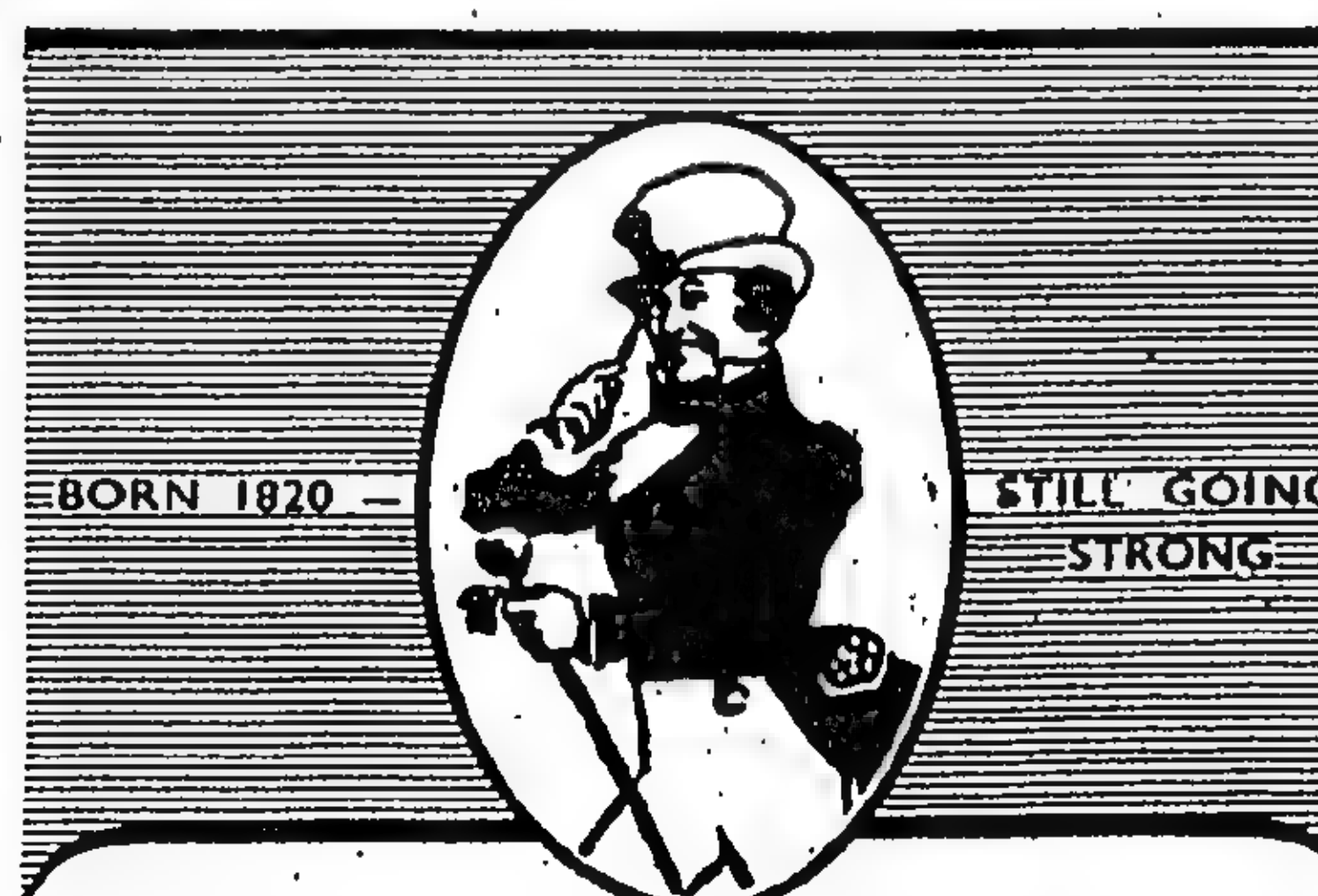
Between the end of the war and the beginning of 1948 more than £180,000,000 was out in Service gratuities and £130,000,000 in post-war credits.

For months that money was pouring into the nation's expenditure pocket at the rate of £3,000,000 a week. Now it is a bare trickle.

There is, in fact, less money going round. Bank of England returns show that last week the volume of Treasury notes in circulation was £67,000,000 less than a year ago—£67,000,000 in notes have been sent to the Bank's printing works for repulping.

Financial authorities say that a large part of that withdrawal was possible because the hints of a currency change last year drew masses of hoarded notes out of hiding.

More goods that people want to buy are in the shops, and as they buy them they have less to spare for semi or non-essentials. Where is all this leading? Business men's biggest worry is that the changing spending pattern and the increasing tightness of money pressure a trade recession and a slump in business profits. The financial East wind is making a lot of people shiver.



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GLAMOUR AND REALISM MEET IN MADRID

Cabled By J.J. McCall

My introduction to Spain early last week was by air, flying from Bordeaux, and I was fascinated by the strange and dramatic landscape.

At about 6,000 feet, I spent two hours gazing at mountainous desert scorched and eroded by centuries of burning sun and scouring icy wind.

Madrid came abruptly out of this wild desolation, a city of startlingly magnificent buildings on a great plateau about 2,500 feet above sea level. A few minutes later I was walking for the first time on Spanish soil.

The cloudless pale blue sky seemed extraordinarily high.

To correct my share of the notion that Spain was all sunshine even in winter, I had been warned to expect severe cold in the capital.

I found the mid-day sun mellow, and the clear thin still air just slightly chilly.

Later, however, I found the morning and evening air of Madrid arid and penetrating.

Poor in Suburbia

First surprise on approaching the city by a wide, straight and dusty highway was to find that suburbia was occupied mainly by the poor, the better-off preferring city flats rather than our type of house with garden out of town.

The air smelled of wood fires, yet trees were rare in the great plain around us. Everything indicated the dominance of the sun in summer— inches of dust on the road the deep dryness of the stony soil, the sparse herbage, the bleached colours of the flat-roofed houses.

There had been no rain, they told me, since mid June, and river beds were bare.

Odd to think that the irrigation system introduced by the Moorish invaders but allowed to fall into ruins, served Spain better than the modern hydro-electric scheme—which can't get water.

Entering Madrid and expecting the familiar crowded turmoils of a metropolis, I was surprised to find no such commotion. But the lack of thronging traffic and bustling pedestrians was exaggerated by the enormous spaciousness of the plazas and avenues, plane tree line.

I felt that there was just too much extravagance in both space and architecture.

An overwhelming example of the latter conjured up visions of monarchical residence. It was, in fact, the Palacio de Comunicaciones, or, in short, the Post Office.

Churchill Reply

Another architectural extravaganza was the Admiralty, which at least suggested that Espana rules the waves. If money were spent on the Spanish Fleet in proportion to the amount expended on this ornate edifice, she might have done so.

Mr. Churchill is credited with having had the word for it. Proudly shown the building during a visit some years ago, and reminded that the unpretentious British Admiralty was a poor second to it, Winston broadsided: "You have the world's greatest Admiralty and we have—the British Navy."

The critical foreigner who looks on such indications of greatness and is not overawed: who says indeed, that it is all facade and that for instance, at least half of the people should be taught how to read and write before they are given such a "palace of communications," or that the nation should have a fleet before it has such an Admiralty, is no friend of the proud Spaniard.

Scarifying Visions

Later I strolled past the Direccion de Seguridad, or Police Department, where I had scarifying visions of prisoners being "softened up."

A score or more of armed police clustered round the entrance lounging and smoking cigarettes.

On the whole, the foreigner sees little to remind him of such consequences of the Franco regime as that many thousands of "subversive-minded" people are in jail, that many have been shot "attempting to escape," that to belong to an organisation such as a trade union, opposing the regime, means death, that there are mass trials by military courts, and that prisoners' relatives are victimised. If he can understand, however, the foreigner can hear these things being discussed, although such talk is dangerous.

The city has its share of contrasts— huge rattle-dazzle American cars and forlorn mule or donkey-drawn carts.

Resplendently American tailored men and sombre black-garbed women.

Plentitude of museums and theatres and lack of schools.

New building and long discontinued construction.

Poor women, sewing and sunning themselves, sitting on the ground against the front walls of the royal palace.

People on the portico of the Post Office, unable to read, waiting for someone to show them which of the labelled posting boxes to drop their letters into.

Beggars selling "make your fortune" lottery tickets.

The old alleys so close to the palace.

The number of shoe-blacks and the number of ragged rope-soled shoes.

Reckless speed of undeviating cars, horns going, and the determination of pedestrians not to give way.

Lateness of cafe night life and how little life there is in them.

Abundance of food in shops and its prohibitive price.

Universal taste for wine and the absence of drunkenness.

I found the opulence of art in museums and churches rather overwhelming, but not too much for the native, especially the poor, who go often to see the treasured works of Velasquez, Ribera, el Greco, Murillo, Goya and other masters.

Religion is closely interwoven into life in Spain. I was shown a beautiful chapel within the premises of a Madrid newspaper, which was built for the employees.

After churchgoing, the Spaniard thinks about bull-fighting, a summer

entertainment, and football in winter played on Sunday afternoon. Soccer is beginning to rival bull-fighting as the national pastime. About 45,000 attended a league game I saw at Madrid Real FC ground, which has a 75,000 capacity, in modern style, with covered seating accommodation. The crowd was largely middle class, with hats and cigars, and it was Continental football—fast, spectacularly acrobatic but lacking craftiness. The ambulance men were troops. Policemen sat on stools round the track.

Elastic Time

One remarkable fact about that game was that it began on time. Unpunctuality is an old Spanish custom and nobody but the foreigner appears to worry about it.

Time to the Spaniard is something immeasurable. After waiting nearly an hour for a Madrileño to keep an appointment, I was told he would turn up in "eight and some minutes." That proved to be about right eighteen minutes later.

I got the impression that life in Spain would be disorganised if everybody started paying attention to punctuality. I was told, in fact, that the telegraph officials in one town once went on strike by meticulously carry-

ing out the regulations, properly timed.

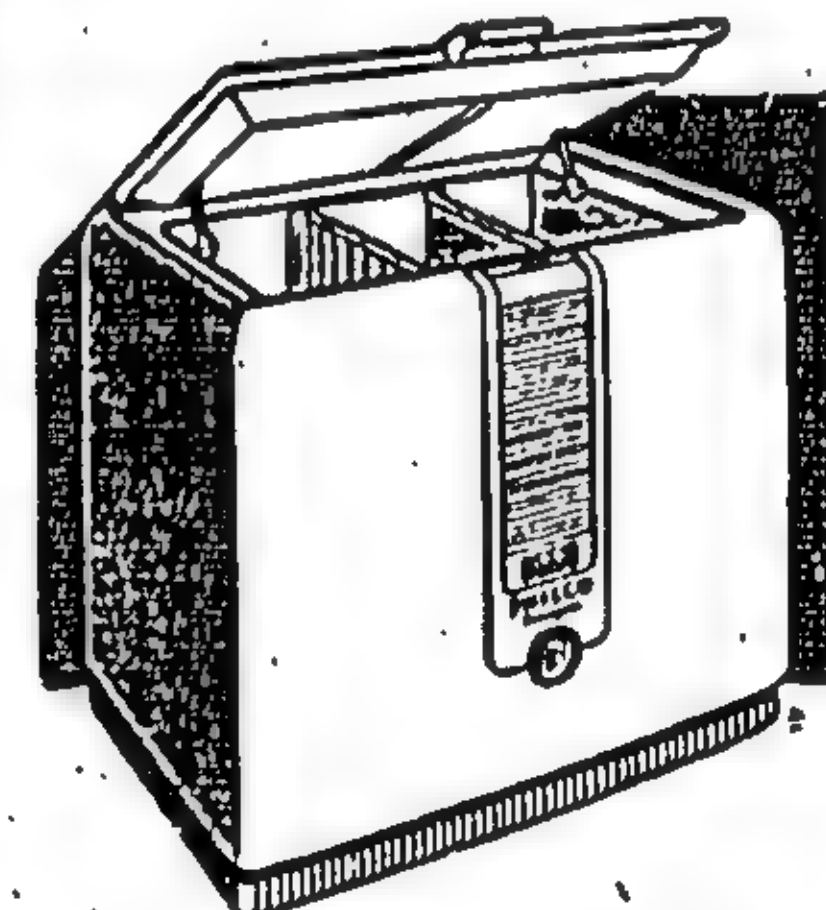
Among the many things I liked in Madrid were the people's frank interest in each other in public; their charming manners on social occasions; their love of light and colour; their skill in cooking, especially with olive oil; the orderly splendour of their best shops; and, for elegant dignity, the attire of the aristocratic man about town, that is, the capa or cloak, a handsome and romantic garment of fine black or dark blue, exquisitely cut and worn with classical grace.

It goes with an austere, slightly sinister, black hat, black bow tie, black suit, gleaming black shoes, black kid gloves and sometimes a silver-mounted black cane. A perfect ensemble for debonair dignity.

This gentleman's counterpart is the dark lady of the mantilla. Romantic fiction assures us that all Spanish women are beautiful. I am sorry to say that that is as far from the truth as any similar fiction about women in general.

Beauties were few and far between when I was in Madrid. Most of the women seemed below average height, with homely rather than glamorous figures, rather swarthy and prematurely ageing. (The young girls all too soon show this Latin tendency).

But when a beautiful Spanish woman did appear, she was certainly very beautiful. I have never seen such wonderful jet black, such sparkling dark eyes, such a complexion of warm ivory, nor such superb, yet dainty grace. The Madrid man in the street boldly turns his head to admire such beauty. It is a natural tribute, requiring no other justification.



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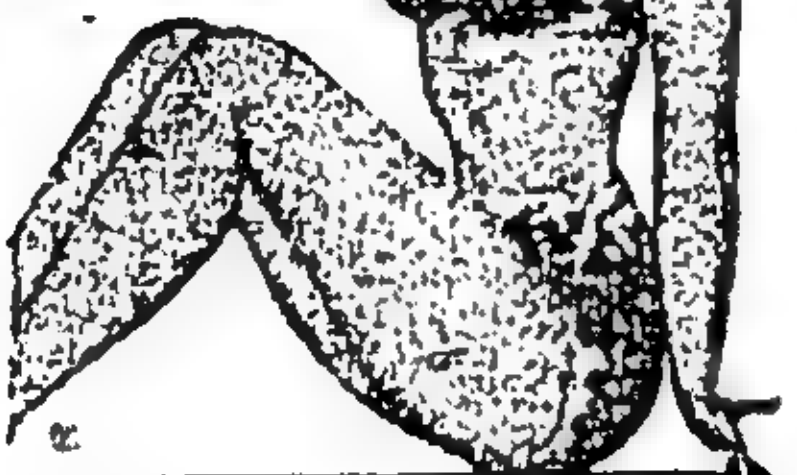
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FATHER AND SON

By A. MARSHALL DISTON

Should a son follow in his father's footsteps? Any day of any year there are thousands of families anxiously debating that question. The answer may determine the pattern of a life. If it is right, success and happiness. If wrong, frustration and misery.

There are disadvantages as well as advantages in possessing a parent who has made a name for himself. There are always kindly people who say: "Ah—but he will never be the man his father was."

That can be a real handicap when the young man enters the craft or profession in which the senior has won distinction. He is apt to get the same idea himself. It cramps his style, makes him unsure of himself.

Tomorrow is the centenary of a man whose son refused to be overawed by his father's fame. Instead, he made it his inspiration. The father, born on February 13, 1849, was Lord Randolph Churchill. The son is Mr. Winston Churchill.

Politics are perhaps a special case. From the days of the two great Elizabethan Cecils there have been many notable fathers and sons in British public life.

The rivalry between the Elder Pitt and Henry Fox was succeeded by the long Parliamentary duel between their sons. Lord Randolph Churchill's great contemporary, Joseph Chamberlain, lived to see one son, Austen, in high office. Another, Neville, afterwards became Prime Minister.

For several years "Joe" and Austen Chamberlain sat together in Parliament. The old campaigner listened to his son's maiden speech—heard Gladstone's compliment upon it: "It was a speech which must have been dear and refreshing to a father's heart."

Worthy Son

It was a dramatic moment. The bitter antagonisms of the long Home Rule struggle, the fierce hatreds engendered by the split in the Liberal Party, had made the gulf between Gladstone and Chamberlain both wide and deep. But for a moment it was bridged by a few generous words of human tribute to a son who was showing himself worthy of his father.

The House of Commons is like that. The bearer of a famous name must win his spurs, but his fellow members of all parties are genuinely glad when he does so.

In political life we see the father-son tradition in its most spectacular form, but in wider fields it has helped to shape the Britain that we know.

How many firms bear the title "and Son." They bear witness, as does the history of many other enterprises, to the family spirit that gives continuity and stability to the work of the nation. A father builds a business, associates

his son or sons in its management—and so, generation after generation, men of the same blood carry on the undertaking their forefathers founded.

The world-wide reputation of British goods for high quality and of British business for fair and honourable dealing owes much to these firms. Over the years a tradition is built up—the good name of the company and its products becomes a sacred trust.

Often, too, in British workshops you will find craftsmen who have followed their fathers in the same way—and who have the same pride in their work.

There is something which appeals to a deep-rooted human instinct in father and son working together, the boy learning from the man.

A moving passage on this theme occurs in Mr. Churchill's book, "My Early Life." Writing of his schooldays he says: "I would far rather have been apprenticed as a bricklayer's mate, or run errands as a messenger boy,

or helped my father to dress the front windows of a grocer's shop. It would have been real; it would have been natural; it would have taught me more; and I should have done it much better. Also I should have got to know my father, which would have been a joy to me."

In Danger

It is harmful to force a boy to follow his father in a craft or business if his heart is in something else. But there will be real loss to the nation if the father-son tradition is permitted to die.

At the moment it is in danger. Too many sons want to break away from the family, and, therefore, from their father's calling. Too many fathers, especially craftsmen, want their sons to follow a different career—even when the boys themselves would rather train for the old trade.

Both these tendencies have been operating for some years. Perhaps they explain some of the things that are wrong with our nation to-day.

There are too many people doing jobs in which they take no joy. There is too little of the old pride in work which is linked with pride in the family. There are too few occasions for the warm human satisfaction that comes to a skilled craftsman when his son tackles a difficult operation "as well as I could myself."

We must try to recapture these things. But there is only one way to do it. We must strive once more to foster the family and the spirit of the family.

That spirit made us pioneers in industry and commerce. It made us a great nation. If we are to prosper again, if we are to retain our ancient greatness, we must restore it to our homes.

WAY OF LIFE

British Commonwealth troops celebrated the third anniversary of the opening of their headquarters in Japan recently. The Commander-in-Chief Lt. Colonel Robertson, said there is ample evidence to show that the British Commonwealth Overseas Force has worthily represented and increased prestige of the Commonwealth in the eyes of the Japanese and of Britain's allies.

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3. 50 Allied Nations.
4. The Pyramids of Egypt; The Hanging Gardens of Babylon; The Tomb of Mausolus; The Temple of Diana at Ephesus; The Colossus of Rhodes; The Statue of Jupiter Olympus; and The Pharos of Alexandria.
5. May 1.
6. David Copperfield, by Charles Dickens.

and looks to us for lead in their slow development of democratic ideas. Let us I have received from Japanese in all walks of life pay tribute to justice and benevolence of our people."

Our Serial Story

AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA

By Raymond Knotts

"The idea was that Judie was to be taken on the boat up the shore to the deserted house behind the sand dune, where Polk left the ransom money. And on the way, the ransom demand was to be delivered over the ship-to-shore telephone.

Then Judie would have been found in the house after the ransom was paid and the three hours of waiting had elapsed. But none of it worked out that way. The wind blew so hard no boat could go out, and some boats were even sunk at their berths, as you know.

"Well, there was hard luck for Asa, because one of the boats that sank was the one he had figured on using. It had a ship-to-shore phone of the kind he had to have—one of those that scramble the sound waves. So he figured out a desperate idea, and that's what got him into the first murder, Kelrayne."

"But Jake Pavich was murdered first!" Polk protested. "Jake died first. But Kelrayne had been struck down long before. That obscured Asa's trail for a while—the fact that Jake seemed to have been killed first, with Kelrayne's gun. It certainly looked as if Kelrayne had come up here and killed Jake. But he didn't. Kelrayne was lying unconscious outside his front door when Asa killed Jake in back of this house. He was almost the same as dead, though. Probably Asa thought he was dead when he carried him up the walk and laid him down there outside his door."

"Carried him?" It was the chief's voice. "Where from?"

"From Kelrayne's boat, the Ellamay. That's where Asa sent his ransom message from after his boat was sunk. So Asa was on board the Ellamay, fiddling with the radio telephone. But it just wasn't Asa's lucky night. Kelrayne had turned in at half-past eight. He had a radio beside his bed—and he was lying there listening to it. And some sound he heard warned him that the radio telephone on the Ellamay was in operation. Chances are the telephone set up a peculiar kind of static that he recognized from past experience.

"So Kelrayne put on his bathrobe, over his pajamas. He slipped on a pair of shoes with crepe-rubber soles. He took his pistol out of the drawer of his bedside table, and went out to the dock. Asa was taken completely by surprise.

"Asa took a desperate chance then. He threw himself at Kelrayne and got the pistol away from Kelrayne. And then he beat Kelrayne's head in."

Elinore uttered a shuddering "Oh!" Judie sagged in her chair. Mrs. Cayples' wide, strong face was very white. Even efficient Marcia Lansing's hand trembled as she set down Hale's story in swift shorthand symbols.

"Then," Hale went on, "Asa dipped water up out of the bay and washed up the blood. He did it hastily, in a kind of panic, and he left a puddle of water on the cockpit floor. He had not wanted to kill anyone. And here was Kelrayne on his hands, dead or dying."

"He carried Kelrayne ashore and left him outside his door."

"And then Asa came up here. He wanted to get into the house. But his bad luck was still with him. Jake was out there and he stood between Asa and his need to get into the house. Asa had brought Kelrayne's gun with him. He drew it and shot Jake dead. And then he threw the pistol toward the sea."

"But Velma Martine," said Buford. "Why was she killed?"

"Because," answered Hale, "she was trying to blackmail Asa."

"This is the way I'm sure it was. The ransom money was to be left in the deserted house on Friday morning. Velma had arranged to meet Asa at noon downtown to get the share she had demanded. I think Velma had told Asa to put her share of the ransom money in an envelope, to bring it and hand it to her in the car, to chat for a little while and then move along."

"The thing she didn't know when she went to keep the date was that Asa had not got the ransom money. And Asa knew she would never believe he didn't have it. So instead of the money, Asa slipped a flat little pistol into the envelope. When he leaned in through the car window, Asa's hand clutched the pistol inside the envelope, thrust it almost against her forehead and pulled the trigger. It made just a little popping noise. Asa slipped it, envelope and all, inside his shirt front, drew back from the car, said good-bye, smiling and walked away in the crowd."

The chief nodded. "We found a scrap of charred paper in Velma's car. Just then Halloran came in saying, 'Here he is, chief.'"

The tall man beside him was Harold Detridge.

"Oh, Harold! You aren't arrested!"

Judy turned to Polk. "Father, tell them to let Harold go this instant!"

"We got some questions to ask this man," said the chief. He turned to Detridge. "Where have you been since Miss Polk was kidnapped on Wednesday night?"

Detridge hesitated. Then, "Well, I guess I'd better tell it. I saw Mr. Hale coming and I wanted to get away before he recognized me. You see, I was questioned by the police in Lake Forest—when Marilee McHayden's diamonds were stolen several years ago. I was afraid Hale would remember me and tell the Polks about it."

"I drove home to the hotel and heard about Judie's kidnapping over the radio. So then I thought maybe I was in a bad spot, the way I'd slipped away from the club. I threw a few things in a brief case, went down to my car and started going north."

"I drove all night and stayed in Jacksonville until this morning when I heard on the radio that Judie had been found. So then I came on down to Miami."

The chief said grimly, "You haven't given any sensible account of yourself at all. And besides—there's that little memorandum left in your desk. The one that shows what you were planning to do with 200,000 dollars."

Judie's voice broke in almost a groan: "Oh, Harold!"

Detridge slid his tongue around his dry lips. "I can explain that. I got this idea for transforming a thing that's almost a waste material now—I won't go into details, but it could be made into a product that would sell at a big profit. I was hoping to get a backer down here."

"So when you couldn't, you decided to get it by kidnapping."

Before Detridge could protest, the chief turned to Hale. "What was it Velma Martine knew about the kidnapping?"

"She knew there hadn't been any kidnapping. Here's the way it was."

"On Wednesday night Velma Martine had been lying down in her darkened dressing room, when she heard someone in the next room. The

wall between the rooms is made of flimsy wall board and there's a crack in it. She saw Judie draw a glass of water and swallow the sleeping tablets, then go to the window, put her head out of the window she screamed and stopped the scream with her hand. Then she closed the window, turned out the light, slipped into the secret space and pulled the wall into place behind her."

"Of all the fantastic lies!" Judie's voice rang across the room. Hale regarded her briefly. "I underestimated Velma Martine," he went on. "When she said she had heard the scream inside instead of outside, I thought she was trying to get some publicity. Actually she was sending word to Judie's accomplice that she knew the truth. Asa understood the message instantly. He hunted her up and they made their deal. And when he didn't get the money he killed Velma to silence her."

"But Jim," Judie spoke patiently, "How possibly, if I was in the Coral Strand Club, could I have been on a boat Thursday evening, screaming to my father through the telephone? You heard me—you all heard me!"

"Your voice came from Kelrayne's boat, tied up at its dock alongside Kelrayne's boat. But you weren't on the boat."

"Listen," Hale opened the front of the radio set beside his chair and turned a switch. A queer metallic voice came through the loud speaker: "This is Asa. Listen carefully... At six tomorrow morning... in a car, alone..."

There were breaks in the sentences and behind the voice was a dull, irregular tapping. Running along with the voice was the sound of an airplane. On and on the voice went, Asa's ransom message all over again.

And finally the voice of Judie Polk. "Oh, Dad—Dad! Do what they say..."

Hale carefully lifted the record from the turntable and handed it to the chief. "Handle it gently," he said.

Hale turned to Buford. "That's what I went into the department store for, to get it placed together. I didn't get quite all the pieces."

"Where did you find the pieces?" the chief asked.

"On the bottom of the bay, under Kelrayne's boat. Asa was sending the message by simple method of running the record on a portable phonograph in front of the Ellamay's radio telephone when Kelrayne came on board. Apparently the record got smashed in the fight. I found a couple of little fragments of it on the cockpit floor, so I looked for the rest of the pieces in the water."

"Well, Miss Polk," the chief demanded sternly, "What have you got to say now?"

"I'm not saying one word," Judie returned "until I get a lawyer."

From behind the cushion of his chair Hale drew a rumpled white cloth. There were two small black holes in it.

"Judie, this came off one of the pillows you used for a bed in the secret room. When I took you out I put that pillow in the exact place where your head had rested. A little later your fellow conspirator came back. He fired two shots into the pillow where he thought your head would be."

All Judie's hard assurance had ebbed while Hale talked. "Oh, no—no—"

Then suddenly, in a hoarse, sick voice: "Oh God, Orring! How could you do it to me!"

Orring's voice was quiet and colourless when he spoke. "You heard what Hale said, Judie, about how dangerous frightened people are."

Then abruptly his hand came up from his side and in it was a shining thing he put against his head.

From his chair across the room Bill Buford hurried himself through the air. Under the impact Orring's chair turned over and they fell to the floor together. There was a moment of writhing struggle, a sharp smack of flat on flesh. Orring relaxed on the floor and Buford rose to his feet with the pistol in his hand.

Mrs. Cayples was on her feet. "Orring," she commanded: "Don't say a word!"

Standing between the chief and Halloran, Orring looked at her with weary eyes. "I'm washed up, Mother. It will be a relief to talk."



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"Elsa! Orring's voice was a groan. 'I thought maybe you were in trouble. And,' she added sadly, 'I see you are.'"

"Does that make it some concern of yours?" asked the chief.

"Yes," said Elsa. "I'm his wife. She turned to Mrs. Cayples. 'That's something you didn't know.'"

Mrs. Cayples' sturdy body seemed to shrink a little.

"I found it out," Mrs. Cayples said wearily, "after I talked to you the other day. But Margaretta's divorce isn't final yet. I persuaded her not to make trouble. To go ahead and get the divorce so my son would not be a bigamist. But now all this—"

With a tired gesture she sank into a chair. "You're not important now."

Orring talked. He and Judie had plotted the fake kidnapping between them. "It was my idea," said Judie. "But to begin with it was Father's fault."

She turned on Polk. "If you'd let Harold have that 200,000 dollars to set himself up in business, as I begged you to, none of this would have happened."

Orring went on. "Judie knew I had married Elsa," he said. "She knew Mother would shut down on my allowance if she found it out. And besides is was bigamy. She only wanted 100,000 dollars for Detridge but we decided to put one another 100,000 for me."

Building the secret chamber at the club had not been difficult, as Orring was a member of the house committee. He had slipped out into the palm grove during the party and scuffed the sand. He had placed one of Judie's slippers there and left an empty bottle of chloroform. Then he had returned to the bar, got drunk and been taken home.

"The rest of the plan was like Hale had said," continued Orring. "We made the Asa record ten days ago out at sea. I talked through a tin tube to disguise my voice. We didn't notice that airplane flying overhead."

Hale nodded. "Judie was to bring the money out of the house?"

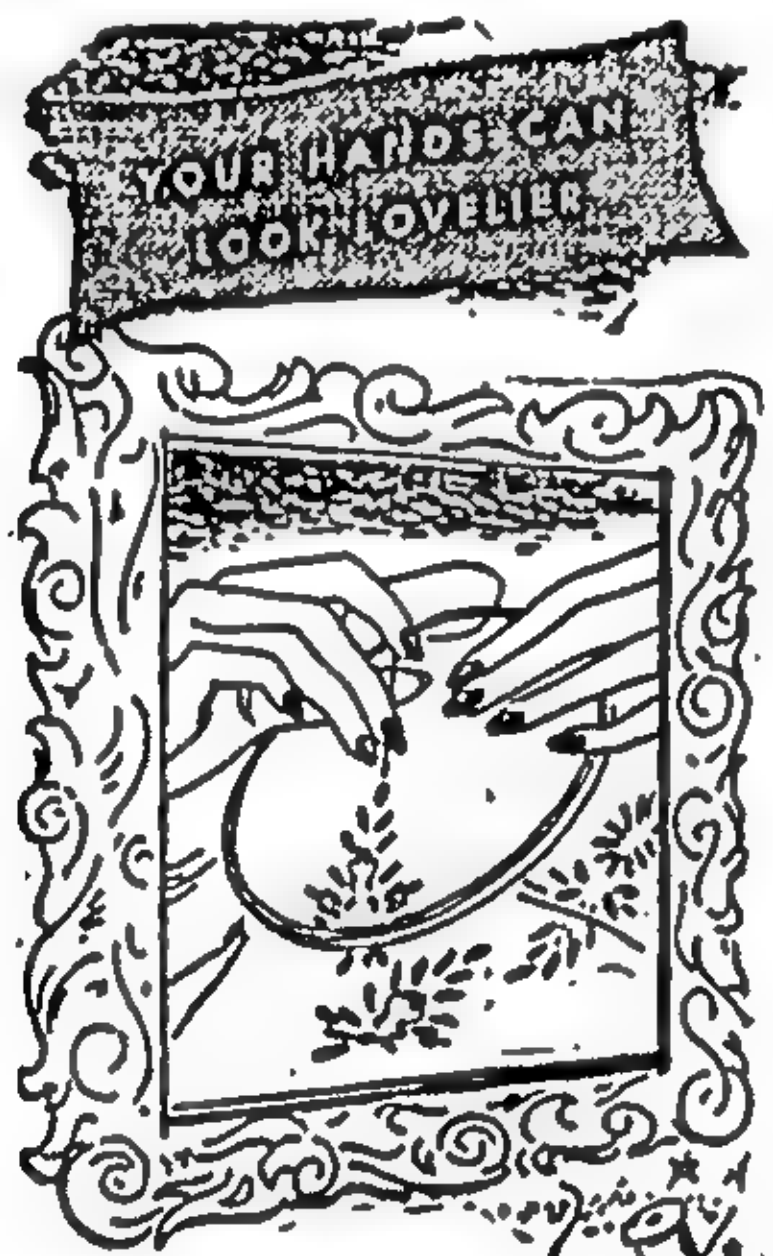
"Yes. When the three hours was up I was to drive up there ahead of everybody. Judie would have left the house, carrying her cape with the bundles of money stowed in it, and gone out on the highway. I would have come along and picked her up."

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ORIGINS OF MUSIC

In this last article of the series, wherein I have attempted briefly and undoubtedly inadequately to skim over the origin and development of music, we come to the era from 1850 onwards.

This rough and necessarily arbitrary division includes within its scope composers such as Brahms (1833-1897), Liszt (1811-1886), Wagner (1813-1883), Verdi (1813-1901) and Puccini (1858-1924) of the living composers, Medtner, Rachmaninoff, Bliss, Bass, Vaughan Williams and Sibelius are representative enough to show this modern day and age can still compare with the illustrious era of Beethoven and the accepted classical masters.

In point of time, Liszt arrived first on the scene but the depth of his contributions to the World of Music is nothing like so profound as was Wagner's or Elgar's. It has to be admitted that Liszt was something of a mountebank, although his executive capabilities as a pianist were such as to admit some licence in his propensity for showmanship. His aesthetic appearance completely belied the streak of vulgarity in his personal make-up.

Wagner's influence on the other hand, was one which could not be denied. Few composers have ever been fortunate to have bestowed on them the divine spark plus a dramatic sense of the Theatre as Wagner. Although "Der Ring, das Nibelung" is heavy-going, its dramatic appeal both as spectacle, opera and music is evidenced by its lasting popularity both in Berlin, New York and London. Wagner attempted a new art form in "The Ring" a music drama, where the leit-motif played an important part.

The idea of the leit-motif was quite simple merely the idea of associating a particular melody with a character. But what changes Wagner rung on this basically simple ideal. His dramatic sense was such that the entry of the all-important theme at the right moment is arresting in the extreme.

Even his earlier operas, like "Rienzi," "Flying Dutchman" and "Lohengrin" show traces of this idea, but it is, of course, in "The Ring" that Wagner finally used this idea with such immense effect.

Brahms is often referred to as the last of the classical masters, a title for which, indeed, there is every justification. His determination, openly avowed, not to prostitute the gift Providence had made him, brought about within him a stern adherence to the classicism of Beethoven. The romantic spirit so typical of Chopin and Schubert was schewed in favour of the classic school. Probably as in no other composer, Brahms allowed his musical ideas to mature and develop before committing an outline to paper.

Brahms' outstanding characteristic is authoritatively conceded to be his innate and highly-developed power of craftsmanship. Sketches of his first Symphony—the great C Minor—exist in 1856, but it was not completed until 1876. Twenty years in the making is a monument in itself to patience, but how much more is the testimony to the fruits of forbearance. When Brahms did eventually publish this Symphony, he was with one accord, hailed as the natural successor to Beethoven.

Verdi, I feel, remains still the genius of the Opera, followed only by Puccini. I cannot personally name any composers whose operatic works can or ever will command the same respect as those of Verdi or Puccini. Richard Strauss probably is the greatest name in modern opera, but I do

NEWS QUIZ ANSWERS

- 23 lives; Manila.
- Miss Anna Louise Strong; alleged spying.
- Wuchow, Kwangsi port on West River.
- Shanghai.
- February 24 at Rhodes.
- "Hot Foo" (Opening of Treasury vaults of Goddess of Mercy).

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not feel somehow that even "Rosenkavalier" will retain the affections of the public so manifestly engendered by, say, "Traviata" or "La Boheme." Quite why this should be so is a difficult question to determine. Perhaps it is that the modern age is too busy preparing its own destruction to pay very much attention to what is regarded as a non-essential. But to me it would be a sad world were all culture, learning and forms of art to recede into the limbo of things forgot. Music, especially, must surely remain with us to remind the war-mongers that sanity did once exist, and shall so exist yet again.

And now for the programmes.

SUNDAY

The Symphony Concert tonight comprises:

The Golden Sonata—Purcell.
Piano Concerto in B Flat—Mozart
Parr Centenary Concert—Blest Pair of Syrens.
Jerusalem.

The English Symphony in C Major. Purcell's lovely "Golden" Sonata is seldom heard nowadays, and it will be a pleasure to hear the music of the first English composer whose output still ranks high with his contemporaries of the Western world. Purcell was a great musician and composer, and some of his best works rank equally with those of Scarlatti and Corelli. To some extent, and in order properly to assess the true worth of his contributions to music, it is essential to recall the atmosphere of the times in which he lived.

In the "Golden" Sonata, music redolent of the stately unhurried Elizabethan age will be found, the graceful measure of the Minuetto, the stately passage of the gavotte, are there to remind us of the passing of great age.

The artists performing this work tonight are Isolda Menges and William Primrose (Violins), Ambrose Gauntlett (Viol da Gamba) and John Ticehurst at the Harpsichord.

To follow, there is Mozart's Piano-forte Concerto in B Flat Major, with Arthur Schnabel as soloist. As the originator of the classical concerto, as such, Mozart elevated it to heights it had not so far attained. In all, he wrote 25 concertos for the piano, although not all of them often see the light of day, to mix a metaphor.

Sir Hubert Parry lived from 1848-1918, and the second part of tonight's Symphony Concert is devoted to a centenary concerto of his works in memoriam of his death. I cannot claim to know the "English" Symphony at all well, but the short excerpt heard in "Looking Ahead" last Sunday has determined me to hear the whole.

Parry was something of a pioneer in sacred music and with Sir Charles Villier Stanford laid the firm foundations on which Elgar was later to erect "Geraint" and "The Apostles." A man of infinite variety, Sir Hubert Parry was equally at home with suites, Chamber Music, songs and books. Indeed his "Evolution of the Art of Music" deserves a place in every music-lover's library.

MONDAY

I cannot help but rejoice greatly to report that at 8.10 p.m. tonight there is a programme of McCormack and Kropfer. It seems that either you like McCormack or you don't, and there is no half-way mark. For me, since his death, the loveliest voice of the age is stilled for evermore. It will be many years before there is an equal to it. A supreme artist and consummate workman in all his interpretations, this 20 minute feature is all too short for me.

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At 9.15 p.m. Maggie Teyte (Soprano) and Yvonne Arnaud give a recital. A very accomplished pianist indeed as well as stage and screen star, it seems Miss Arnaud is an artist of many parts. Maggie Teyte's name is particularly associated with the interpretation of French songs, so this programme should prove to be highly interesting.

At 9.30 p.m., there are two excerpts from "The Guinea Pig," staged by the Hong Kong Stage Club. This is a sort of preview of the production which the Club are putting on at the China Fleet Club, in the latter half of this week.

WEDNESDAY

At 10.15 p.m., Bruce Belfrage tells the story of the "Swan Lake," with music, of course, by Tchaikovsky. This most popular of ballets is spectacle for the eye and solace for the ear, and lucky are those who have seen Margot Fonteyn dance it at Covent Garden under de Basil's direction.

THURSDAY

Tchaikovsky's name occurs again tonight at 8.25 p.m., when his lovely Violin Concerto is being given. With memories of the Beethoven Violin Concerto still fresh from last Sunday, we are being well catered for in the realm of worth-while music.

At 9.00 p.m., a new series commences, called "Hong Kong Dances to..." and tonight it is Eddie Guzman and his orchestra from the Ritz Ballroom. This direct relay of live music is worth emphasising since, as I have noted before, there is an atmosphere about a "live" feature that is perceptibly lacking in recorded features on occasions.

SATURDAY

At 8.30 p.m. "Death of Minnehaha" by Coleridge-Taylor is being given. Space prevented me from mentioning this work which commenced last night with the "Wedding Feast."

This most attractive work is probably second only in popularity to the "Messiah." Coleridge-Taylor has exactly succeeded in capturing the spirit of Longfellow's great poem. The colour of the music allies so well with the rhythm of the poetry. Great opportunities are provided for the chorus, whilst the several lovely solos stand out in bold relief.

UNDER THE BLACK ENSIGN

By A. C. ALLAN

It was a tropic night in the year 1780—a night of brilliant moonlight that glistened on the mighty main and bedazzled every faintest ripple of the deep with a myriad sparkling gleams.

Twice a night of entrancing beauty, with a sky unblemished by any cloud, with just enough breeze to fill the sails of the brig *Barracuda*, and with the vastness of the ocean's surface glinting like a jewelled carpet.

Yet the night held no glamour for the occupants of a locked cabin in that salt same brig.

They were four in number—pretty Caroline Morrison, a dark-haired girl of fifteen; her brother Trevor, a year her senior; young Dr. Harkness, who had been surgeon of the *Hyperion*; and Bartholomew Ketch, lately a member of that luckless vessel's crew.

Ill-fated *Hyperion* had run foul of the *Barracuda* only twenty-four hours ago; and of all the *Hyperion's* gallant company the young surgeon, the sailor Ketch, and the boy and girl who had been passengers aboard her were the only ones remaining.

For the *Barracuda* sailed under that sinister, dreaded ensign of piracy, the Skull and Crossbones—her master the notorious Jabez London, her crew as dastardly a pack of ruffians as Christendom had ever known.

Gone was the *Hyperion*, fathoms down, scuttled in mid-ocean, stripped of all valuables. Save for Caroline and Trevor, Harkness and Ketch—gone were all who had been homeward bound in her. Small wonder the four survivors were in low spirits, though to bolster the courage of his companions in misfortune Jabez London tried to sound a note of hope.

"We must not give way to despair," he was saying. "Remember, a few hours before the *Barracuda's* attack we sighted the British frigate *Intrepid* cruising in these waters in quest of pirates."

He paused, for at that moment the cabin door was unlocked to admit the bulky figure of Jabez London and several other buccaners.

London's hands and face were grimy, but he was dressed in the

richest of plundered clothes; breeches, embroidered coat and vest, silken hose that would have graced a marquis; costly lace at throat and cuffs; feathered tricorne hat under which his black hair hung lank and untidily.

"Pardon the intrusion," he said, with a mocking bow and a hateful leer. "I'd be obliged if ye'd step on deck—and right smartly, too," he added with an ugly change of tone.

The captives were marched to the foredeck, where London addressed James Harkness.

"I give ye another chance," said he. "We'd find a surgeon useful to tend our wounded after a sea fight, so what say ye? Will enlist under my black ensign?"

"My answer's as it was earlier," Harkness replied with dignity. "I'll serve under no such flag."

"So be it," London snarled, and at a signal two of his men bound the young doctor's hands behind his back and urged him towards a long plank that lay balanced over the ship's side.

"Maybe ye can swim Doctor," Jabez London observed with a fiendish grin. "but not with your hands tied. I'll warrant—and the nearest land a full mile to starboard."

It was then that Caroline and Trevor Morrison started forward impulsively.

"For pity's sake, Captain," the boy cried out, "haven't you caused enough suffering.....?"

"Oh, spare him Captain London," Caroline broke in tremulously. "Spare him, I beg of you!"

The buccaneer thrust the children aside.

"Save your appeals for yourselves," he grated. "Ye may need em yet if ye don't fetch a high enough ransom. Ay, and so may Bartholomew Ketch there—who carries a secret I mean to wring from his lips ere long!"

(To Be Continued)

The Story Of The Little Sea-Horse

Once there was a little sea-horse who lived under the sea with his mother and father and his sisters and brothers.

One day he said to his mother, "Mother, may I go out into the world? I am tired of living under the sea." But his mother said, "No, no."

The little sea-horse began wishing and wishing to be on land. At last his mother said, "If you wish so hard, the Moon might change you into something else and then you will be sorry."

But the little sea-horse still wished and wished and one day his wish came true, for he became a breeze and was carried away in the air.

No longer had he been changed into a breeze when he found himself at the door of a house.

He knocked as loud as he could and a little girl who live there heard him and ran to see what it was that had made the noise. When the door was opened the breeze blew into the house and was changed immediately into a little sea-horse again. When the little girl saw him she flung her arms around him and said, "You dear little thing, come and live with me."

The little sea-horse stayed there and lived happily ever after in the little girl's house for everyone there loved him.

Honour certificate to Elyane Francoise Stack aged eight, of 5, Carnarvon Road, Kowloon.

A FIRE

Olive and Iain were playing in their bedroom when suddenly in the distance they heard the siren of a Fire Brigade. They rushed to the garden gate to watch the scarlet engine go by with its bell clanging loudly. To their surprise the fire was quite near—only the next street! So their mother took them around to see it.

The fire was in the big house called "Windmill Hill." When Olive and Iain arrived, the flames were burning on the attic roof. Ebony black smoke was pouring out of the attic windows. Firemen were hastily rescuing people and their valuables. The children saw lovely carved chests with dragons and warriors on it being brought out. Beautiful blackwood tables and tapestry backed chairs were laid on the grass. Then came a grandfather clock that chimed nine golden peals as it was laid on the grass. Crystal baskets and flower bowls were put on the tables. How sad the owners were to see their happy home burning.

Suddenly a snow-white cat and a collie dog appeared at the attic window mewling and barking with fear. A gallant fireman with a burnished helmet placed a ladder at the window, climbed up and gathered the frightened animals in his arms and brought them safely down. How glad everyone was to see these animals safe.

When the flames had died down much of the house was destroyed. Olive and Iain's mother invited the owners and their two children to stay with them till the house was renovated.

Next day the family went to see the ruins. Blackened walls and broken windows greeted them. Doors were broken off and some of the things were badly scarred. The firemen were still guarding the place and they told Iain that the gardener had confessed that he had thrown down a cigarette butt in the attic when he went up to fetch some picture frames which the mistress of the house had asked him to bring to her. The man was very sad to think

Little John

Once there was a little boy called John. One day he and his little friend went under a tree to play with a wooden ball. As they were playing, the ball fell into a hole and they could not get it out. So little John went and got a bucket full of water and poured the water into the hole.

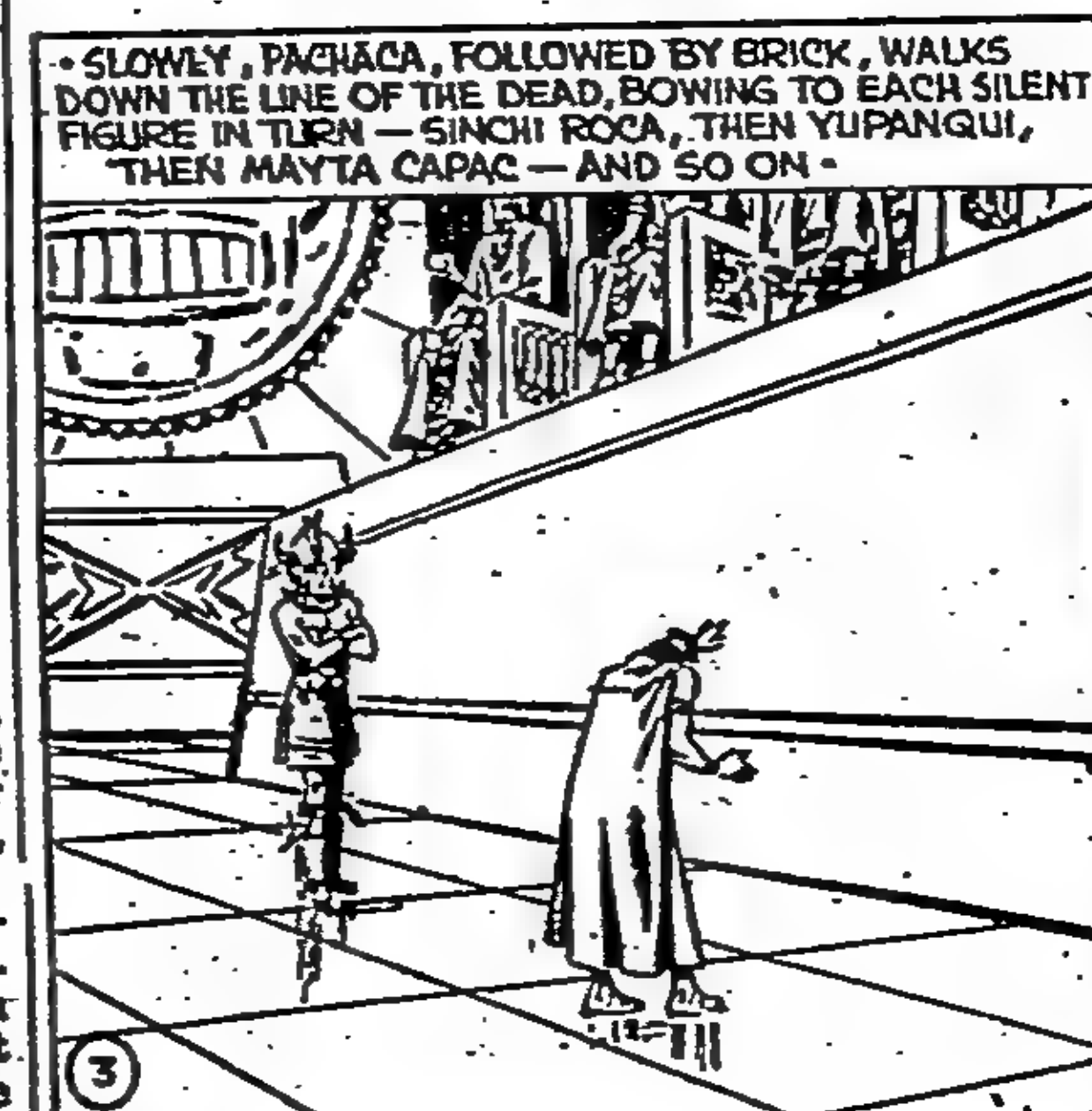
Now when the hole was filled with water the ball naturally floated on top. Little John and his friend then just took the ball out of the hole and began to play again.

Honour certificate to Lucy Villa Carlos aged 13 of 43, Hankow Road, 1st floor, Kowloon.

that he had caused all this damage but the kind-hearted mistress forgave him. She said fortunately the house was insured so that in time it could be renovated.

Olive and Iain became very good friends of the children and had very happy times in their house when all was renewed.

Honour certificate to Elizabeth Ann Rosemary Grant of 12C, Carnarvon Road, Kowloon.



NEXT WEEK
THE GREAT
ADVENTURE
BEGINS

Wonder Questions

What is "peat," and how is it used?

Peat is a stage half-way between the forest trees and coal. It is found in layers many feet thick in bogs and marshes, where vegetable matter has fallen and decayed.

It is used for fires, particularly in Ireland where it is very plentiful, and when dried and cut in blocks it makes excellent fuel.

Who first received the title of "Prince of Wales," and how did this come about?

When Edward I came to the throne of England, he had some bitter fighting with the Welsh. Finally, however, he managed to subdue them, and when their leaders came to pay homage to him, Edward promised them a prince born in Wales who could neither speak French nor English. He brought out to them his son born in Wales a few days before, and ever since that time the eldest living son of the King has been known as Prince of Wales.

In The Mailbag

USTY RILEY

By Frank Godwin

LE PO LOOK, you are now a member of the HCC. Will you therefore please let me have your age, birthday and hobbies. Thank you.

NEMA MOHAMMED, congratulations to you for coming first in your terminal examination. Hope you come first in your annual examination, too, so here's wishing you the Best of Luck.

M. ISMAIL, you gave me no trouble at all, for I'm always glad to have another new member and I've already sent her a certificate.

ZAHARA NEVES, your story will be printed in the "Children's Herald" soon.

DESIREE OZORIO, so your ambition is to become a writer. Well, I can tell you it's fun.

LAI KAH WAH, Thank you for the story you sent in, but I'm afraid I won't be able to print it as it won't interest the younger children. Sorry to disappoint you.

H.C.C. Members

NAME: Ardio Mayling Ngan.
ADDRESS: 20 Nam Li, 2nd floor, Hong Kong.
AGE: 10.
HOBBIES: Collecting dolls and stamps. Likes skating and reading.

NAME: Isaac Koo.
ADDRESS: 9, Valley Road (gr. fl.), Hungnam, Kowloon.
AGE: 15.
HOBBIES: The Children's Herald.

NAME: Ruby Scott.
ADDRESS: c/o Water Office (st fl.), St. Georges Bldg., Hong Kong.
AGE: 14.
HOBBIES: Tennis, swimming, horse-riding, and sports.

NAME: Sylvia Pau.
ADDRESS: 25, Canal Road West, Hong Kong.
AGE: 12.
HOBBIES: Collecting movie stars' photos, pen pals, stamps, and likes literature.

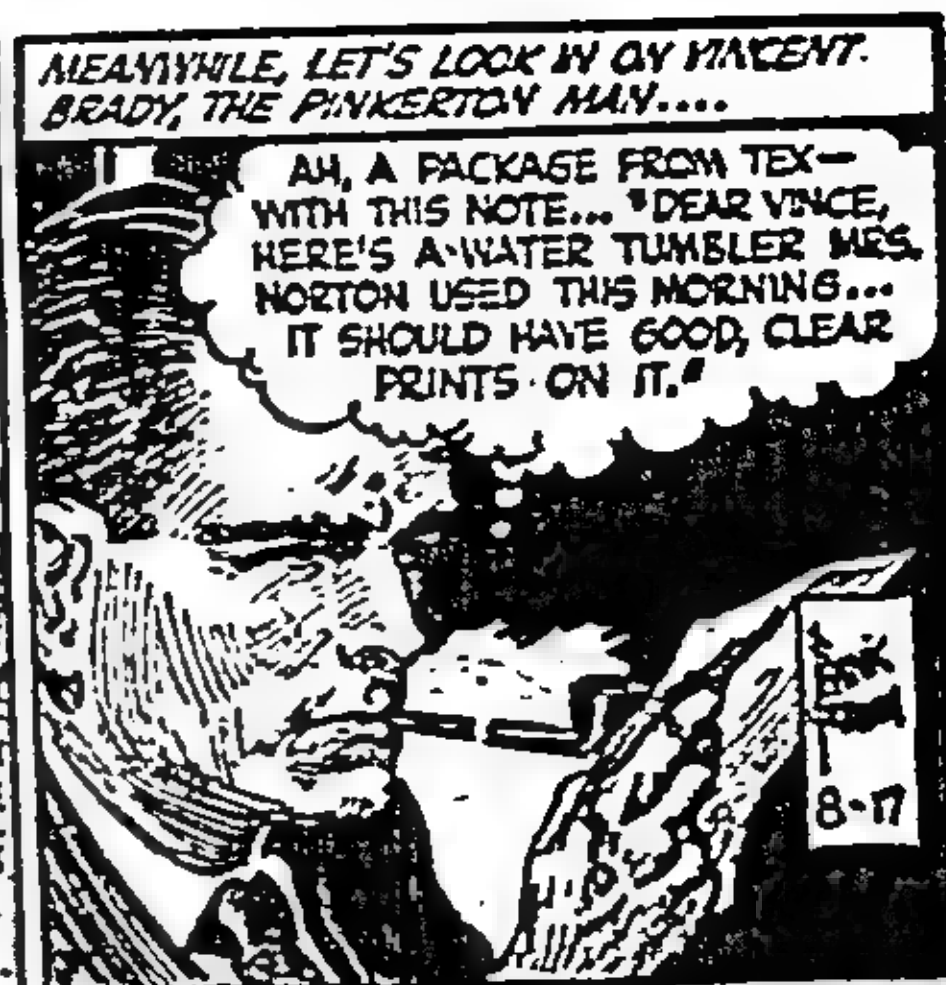
NAME: Jill Harris.
ADDRESS: 300, The Peak.
AGE: 11.
HOBBIES: Collecting stamps, story books, dolls and loves chemistry and writing stories.

NAME: Judy Ann Brownrigg.
ADDRESS: 158 Caine Road, Hong Kong.
AGE: 12.
Hobbies: Skating, swimming and drawing.

NAME: Iona Ann Jones.
ADDRESS: Highlands, Austin Avenue, Kowloon.
AGE: 8.
HOBBIES: Music.

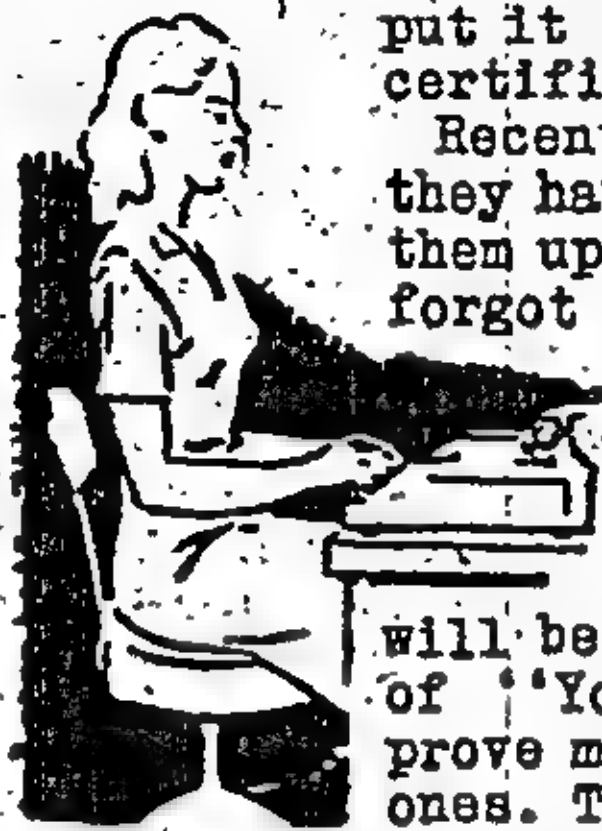
Who Am I?

P is for pup and not for mop,
U is for union and not for dewy,
Z is for zebra, and not for leather,
Z is for zoo, and not for roe,
L is for little and not for Seattle,
E is for egg and not for spade.
Answer: Winnie
Honour certificate to Winnie
Reud of 23, Lock Road 3rd floor,
Kowloon.



Children's Herald

AT MY TYPEWRITER...



Dear children, when you win an Honour Certificate, please put it away in a safe place and take care of it, for lost certificates cannot always be replaced.

Recently I've had letters from children informing me that they have lost their Certificates, or that the baby has torn them up, or mother has burnt them and some even said that they forgot where they put them. Well, I'm sorry Heralders, but in future lost certificates cannot be replaced. So do take care of them.

Remember I promised some of you last year that I would try and print something about Dreams? At last I'm glad to say that starting from next week there will be a short column every week in your page under the title of "Your Dreams And What They Mean." This will of course prove more interesting to the older children than the younger ones. They will appear in alphabetical order.

The new serial is also very exciting, and I hope you'll all enjoy reading it.

Happy days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

Jumbled Words

Here are Jumbled Words of some of the different firms in Hong Kong. See how many you can solve out without looking at the answers.

- (1) Ubeftidliatt nad Rlews, (2) Hleca dna SSeelriw, (3) Nale Fdowwra, (4) Riyad Mria, (5) Inseer, (6) Rajidne Nmahtoes, (7) Wodilla, (8) Lignma, (9) Wseppera Eeentpris, (10) Rrpeha dna Ahes.

Jumbled Words Answers

and Shea, Newsper, Enterpriser, Harper, Metheson, Dodel, Gilman, Dairy Farm, Sincere, Jardine, and Wireles, Lane Crawford, Butterfield and Swire Cable, Honour certificate to Robert Medina of 21, Bowrington Road, Hon Kong.

Competition Winners

First prize of \$10 goes to Vlachoslav Atroschenko of 8, Bowen Road, Hong Kong, for the "Holiday Picture" Competition. Second prize of \$5 goes to Henry Chan of 7, Yuen Street, West, 2nd floor, Hong Kong.

Certificates of five points were awarded to Odette Souza of 32, Hankow Rd. 1st floor, Kowloon, Jennifer Tuck of 2, Cox's Path, Kowloon and Robert Cheung of 24, Yick Yam Street, 1st fl. Happy Valley.

A WALK

The green grass grows,
The rain is wet.
We are cold;
But we don't fret.

The hills are long,
The way is wet
We take along
Our nice black pet.

Her eyes are brown,
Her nose is black—
We'll be tired out
When we get back.
Honour certificate to Annie Chan of 7, Norfolk Rd., Kowloon Tong.

FACE COMPETITION

This week's competition was sent in by Albert Xavier, aged 15 of 10, Austin Avenue, Kowloon.

What you must do is to draw a face either of a man, woman, boy or girl. After this is done, another face must be shown if the picture is turned upside down.

Sorry there's no illustration, but I hope you all understand. So, off you go!

When you have completed the picture, fill in the form below and send it to Auntie Vee, Children's Herald, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

The left hand corner of your envelope should be marked "Face Competition."

There will again be two prizes of \$5 and six consolation prizes of \$2.

NAME

ADDRESS

AGE

Merry Moments

"William the Conqueror," read the small boy in his history book, "landed in England in A.D. 1066."

"What does A.D. stand for?" inquired the teacher.

"After Dark," replied the boy.

Jimmy: How much am I worth, Mother?

Mother: Why, you're worth a million dollars to me, Jimmy.

Jimmy: Can you advance me a dollar on it?

"Please, Doctor, come to our house quickly."

"Why, who's ill?"

"Everybody but me. I was naughty and they wouldn't let me have any of the mushrooms father brought home from the woods."

WHO AM I?

My first is in still but not in till.

My second is in steal but not in kill.

My third is in born and also in horn.

My fourth is in corn and also in morn.

My fifth is in hill but not in heal.

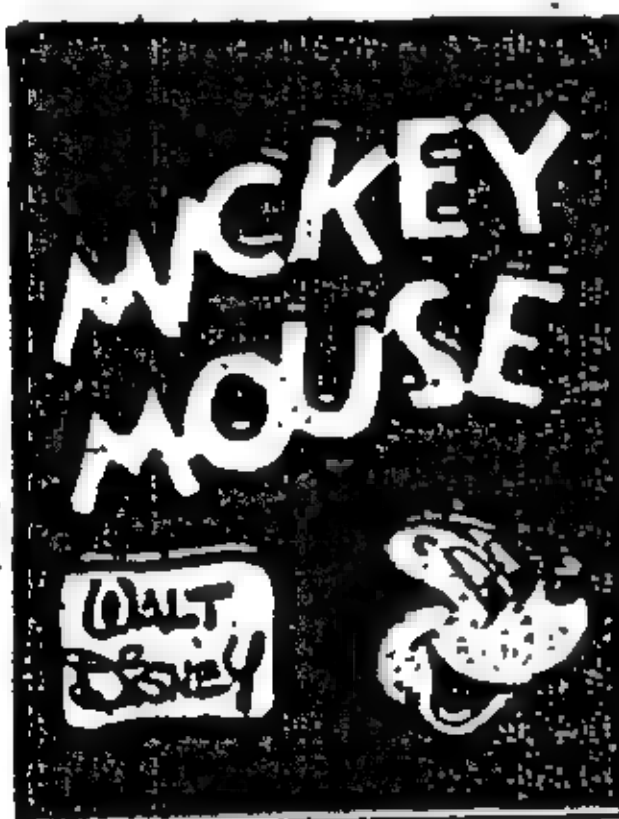
My sixth is in deal and also in meal.

My seventh is in seek and also in seed.

My whole is what many children like to read.

Answer: **WORDS**

Honour certificate to Theresa Lo of 9, Kai Yuen Terrace North Point, ground fl. Hong Kong.





BREX FOX IS INVITING MISS GOOSE'S HOUSE... BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT BREX RABBIT HAS PREPARED A WARM WELCOME INSIDE!



TONY AND HIS LOLLIPOPS

Once upon a time there lived a boy by the name of Tony. He lived way up on a hill with his father and mother.

Tony was very fat, clumsy and had ruddy cheeks, he was then 11 years old. He went to school every morning in his father's car, and was very fond of eating lollipops. Every day he took three of them to school and ate one at jiffin time, one after school and the other during lesson time. He did the same thing over and over but the teacher still did not notice it.

Now one day the teacher was sick so another teacher came to take her place and this one certainly had a temper. She came into the class and stared at the boys. They boys did not dare even to make a noise. But Tony had got into the habit of eating his lollipops during lesson

hour, so he took no notice of the new teacher but took his sweet and began sucking it.

It so happened it was reading lesson and the teacher called out Tony's name and told him to stand up and read. He was so frightened that he threw the lollipop away. It fell on the ground. The teacher saw it and said that he had to stay in after school. He was punished and had to stay in school right up to eight o'clock. Then his father came and took him home, he felt so bad he could not even look at his father.

From that day onwards he never asked his father to buy him another lollipop and in fact he told everyone, "I hate them."

Honour certificate to Josephine Neubronner of Ma Tau Chung Camp 2, Kowloon.

THINGS TO MAKE

POTATO STAMP: All you require is a fairly large potato. Cut this into a square. Now cut out a design on the potato with a knife. Next paint over this surface with some water-colour paint, which should be fairly thick. Stamp your design on a plain sheet of paper, all over the page. You will find this looks very pretty if more paint is added after each stamping.

TOY DUCKS: These ducks when placed in water will float. Sketch the head and tail of a duck on a piece of cardboard and cut out. Take a large cork (to be used for the body) and cut a slit in each end and insert the cardboard head and tail.

CORK BOAT: To make this boat, you will need a cork, a used match and a screw. Push the match into the cork. Get the screw and screw it underneath the cork.

Then your boat is made and will float nicely on water.

MOVING CAR: Take a small magnet, a cork and four steel drawing pins. Cut a small model from the cork—a speedcar, if you like. Stick the drawing pins in the car to represent the wheels. Now you want a shallow lid of a box. Colour it inside to represent a field with a road through it. The road is best in the middle. Place the car on the road then hold your magnet underneath the lid of the box. If you draw the magnet along very gently the car will move, too.

PARACHUTE: To make a parachute you need a square piece of material. Tie a string to each corner of the material and then tie a weight to the four strings joined together. Throw up and it will come down like a parachute.

When is an original idea like a clock?

Answer: When it strikes one.

Laughing Pig



Honour certificate to Alice Rodrigues of Argyle Camp 2, Kowloon.

Birthday Greetings

EDWARD NG of 11, Chancery Lane, Top floor, will be 16 years old on March 2.

Many, many happy returns of the day to you, Edward.

WHO AM I?

My first is S.
My second is U.
My third is N.
My fourth is D.
My fifth is A.
My sixth is Y.
Put them together and spell it out.

Answer: Sunday
Honour certificate to Elsie Childe of 45, Chungking Arcade, Kowloon.

ANN

Once there was a little girl named Ann. She was an orphan and was very poor. She earned a little money every day by helping others to watch over their cattle.

While tending the cattle one day Ann saw a school and there were boys and girls studying. Now she had no money to study so every day she would go there and stand outside, and try to hear what the teacher was saying. She kept on doing this day after day, and learned a great deal in that way.

It so happened that one day when the teacher went out of the classroom for a second the children began to play and saw Ann outside. They started scolding her and made funny faces at her, which made Ann very frightened. "Go away, you dirty girl," they said. But it was at that very moment that the teacher came back and saw Ann crying. "What's the matter?" said the teacher. Then Ann told her whole story to her and straight away the teacher felt sorry for her, and said that she could come and study with the other children without paying. You can imagine how glad Ann was.

She worked very hard in her studies and became a very great and famous person when she grew up. The children who made faces at her now felt sorry for what they have done, for Ann is far better off than any of them.

Honour certificate to Mary Xarier of Ma Tau Chung Camp 2, No. 3 hut, Kowloon.

"Jimmie," said the teacher, "why don't you wash your face? I can see what you had for breakfast this morning."
"What was it?"
"Eggs."
"Wrong, teacher. That was yesterday."

Connie And The Fairy

Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Connie. Her father and mother died when she was seven years old, so she was left all alone in the world.

Connie had never been to school in her life and she lived in a small hut in the forest. She had nothing to eat but wild fruits that she could find.

One day while looking for food to eat, she suddenly saw someone standing beside her. This made her frightened and she did not dare to look up. "Do not be afraid of me, for I will not harm you, but will help you," said a very sweet voice. Ann looked up and there was a fairy.

The fairy looked so very kind that Ann told her all about herself. After hearing what Ann said the fairy asked if she would like to go to Fairy Land for a time, and teach her how to read and write. How happy Ann was.

She went and stayed in Fairy Land for sometime and then she asked the fairy if she could go back to where she belonged. The fairy said yes and at the same time gave her a magic pencil so that whatever she wanted all she had to do was to write it out with the magic pencil and she would have it.

Connie thanked the fairy and went home and lived happily ever after.

Honour certificate to Betty Williams, aged 11 of Ma Tau Chung Camp 2, Hut 3, Argyle Street, Kowloon.

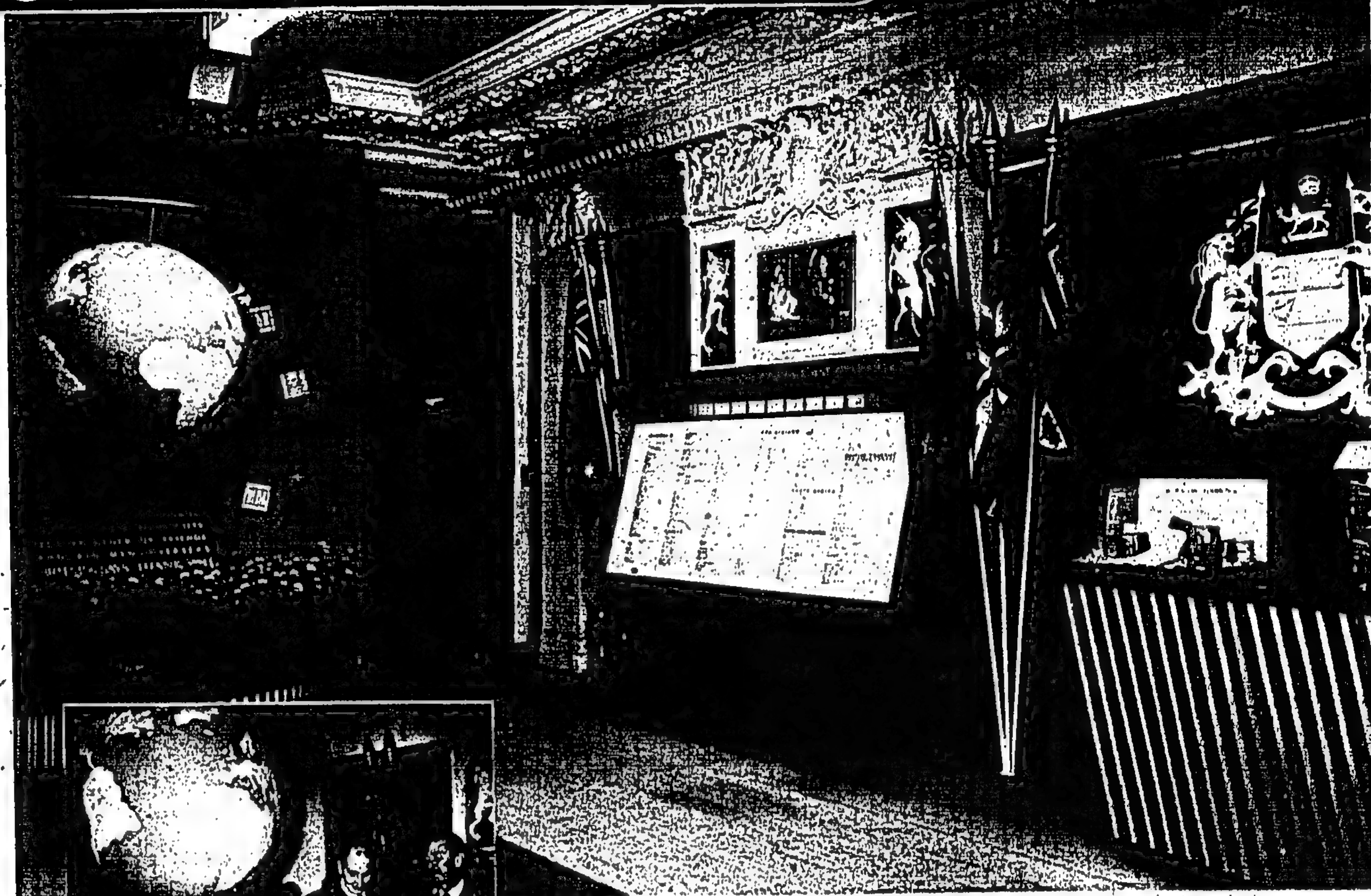
Pen Pal

OLIVE JOHNSON of 54, Holly Road, Priory Estate, Dudley, Worcs., England would like a pen pal in Hong Kong.

She is 14 years old and her hobbies are reading, drawing, writing poems and listening to the radio.

Won't some of you write to her?

SUNDAY HERALD Pictorial



Britain says "Thank You" for the countless food gifts sent by generous friends and kinsmen overseas, including Hong Kong. A "Thank You Exhibition"—virtually a gallery in the heart of a grateful Britain—showing photographic illustrations of the flow of food parcels from abroad was held in London recently.



The Exhibition was opened by the Right Honourable John Strachey, Minister of Food. Gift food in bulk received totalled 106,596,000 pounds. Individual parcels totalled 50,308,000 pounds. The Ladies Committee of the Food Parcels To Britain Fund sent 308,011 pounds.



Food parcels were distributed to charitable institutions, hospitals, and to individual homes specified by the senders. Here one of the parcels sent from Hong Kong is being received by an elderly woman.



Gift food parcels from Hong Kong senders arriving at the Salvation Army's central store for checking and sorting before distribution.



The inhabitants of Sing Pang Island were presented with a motor fishing vessel by the British Government in recognition of the part they played in the rescue of British prisoners-of-war who swam to the island after the sinking of the Japanese transport, Lisbon Maru in October 1942. The presentation, which included monetary awards was made by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham. ("China Mail" photo)



The Sing Pang Island people were represented at the official ceremony at Queen's Pier by (left to right) Messrs. Woo Tung-ling, But Wai-hing, Yoo Kai-wah and Yim Ko-ming. ("China Mail" photo)

Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, inspected a Guard at Queen's Pier before making an official call on the Governor. ("China Mail" photo)



The new Hong Kong School for the Deaf was officially opened by the Governor at Diamond Hill last week. During an inspection of the School, Sir Alexander watched a demonstration (above) of the Group Hearing Aid system by the pupils. ("China Mail" photo)

Mr. Ludv G. Braathen, Managing Director of Braathens South American and Far East Airtransport Line, arrived recently in the Colony on an inspection tour. He has returned to Europe. He was accompanied by Mrs. Braathen. ("China Mail" photo)



Vice-Admiral Sir E. J. Patrick Brind, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, inspecting a Guard drawn from HMS Tamar, Dampier, and Alacrity, at Queen's Pier. Admiral Brind arrived here in HMS Alert from Singapore. ("China Mail" photo)





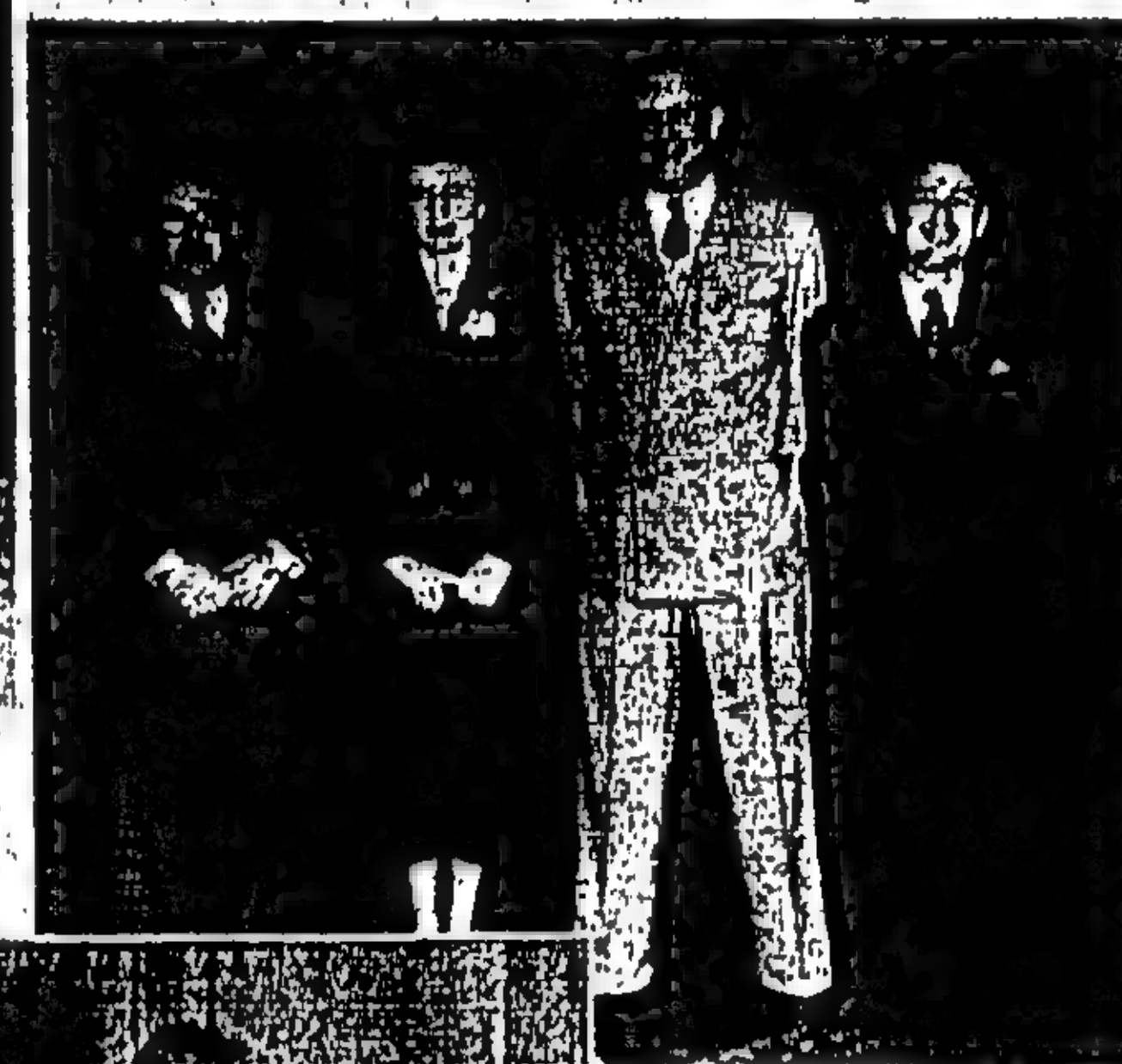
Some of the guests who attended the cocktail party by Mr. B. Van Zuiden in honour of Mr. T. A. S. Hards (second from left) at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("China Mail" photo)



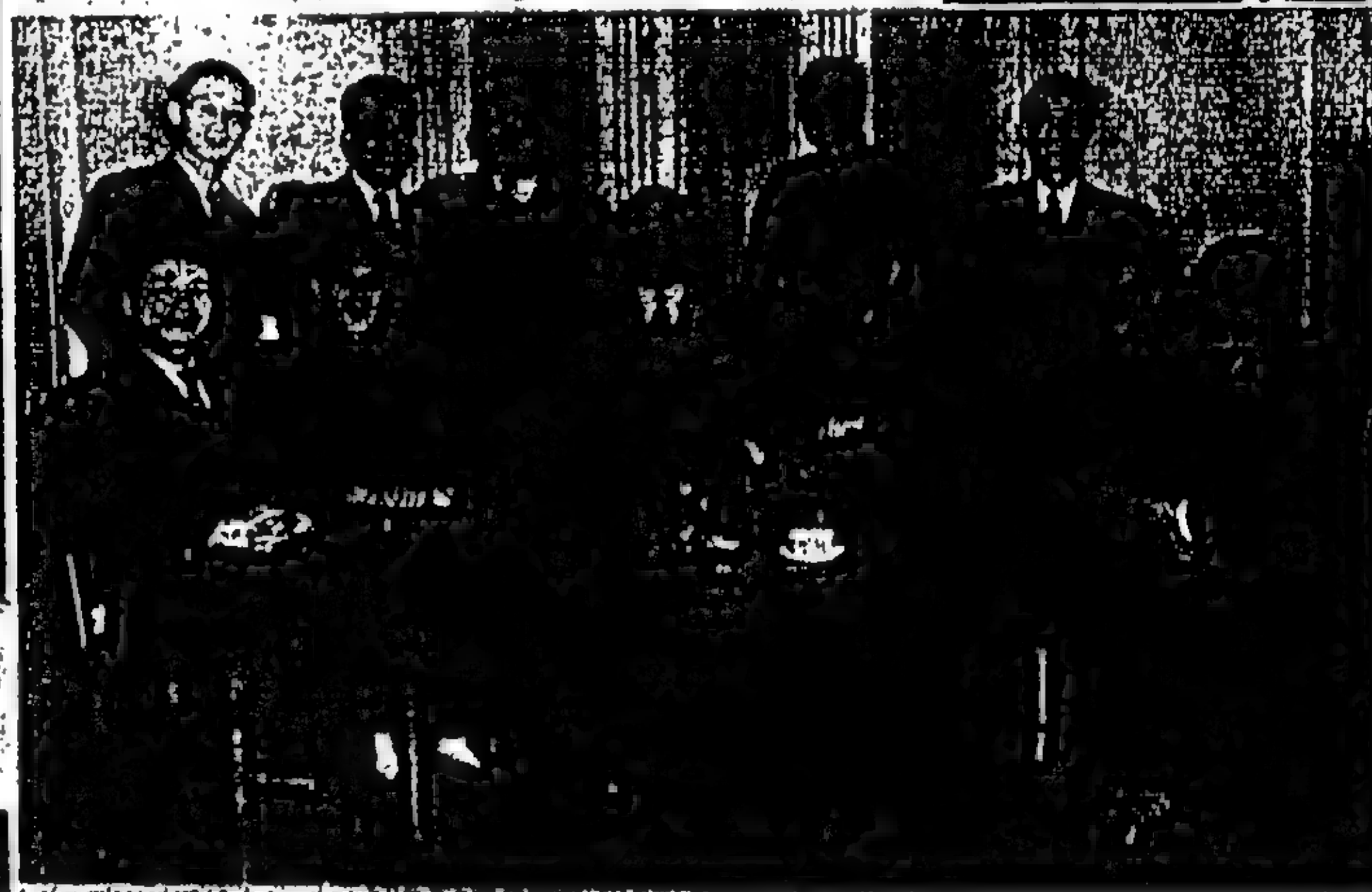
Mr. and Mrs. F. Meyer and a friend in conversation at Mr. Zuiden's cocktail party. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. D. Hazell, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ng and Mr. Lee Shin-leung were among the guests at Mr. Zuiden's cocktail party to meet Mr. Hards. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. B. Van Zuiden, Mr. and Mrs. Zuiden, Mr. T. A. S. Hards and Mr. Ben Van Zuiden. This photograph was taken at a cocktail party given by Mr. Zuiden in honour of Mr. Hards. ("China Mail" photo)



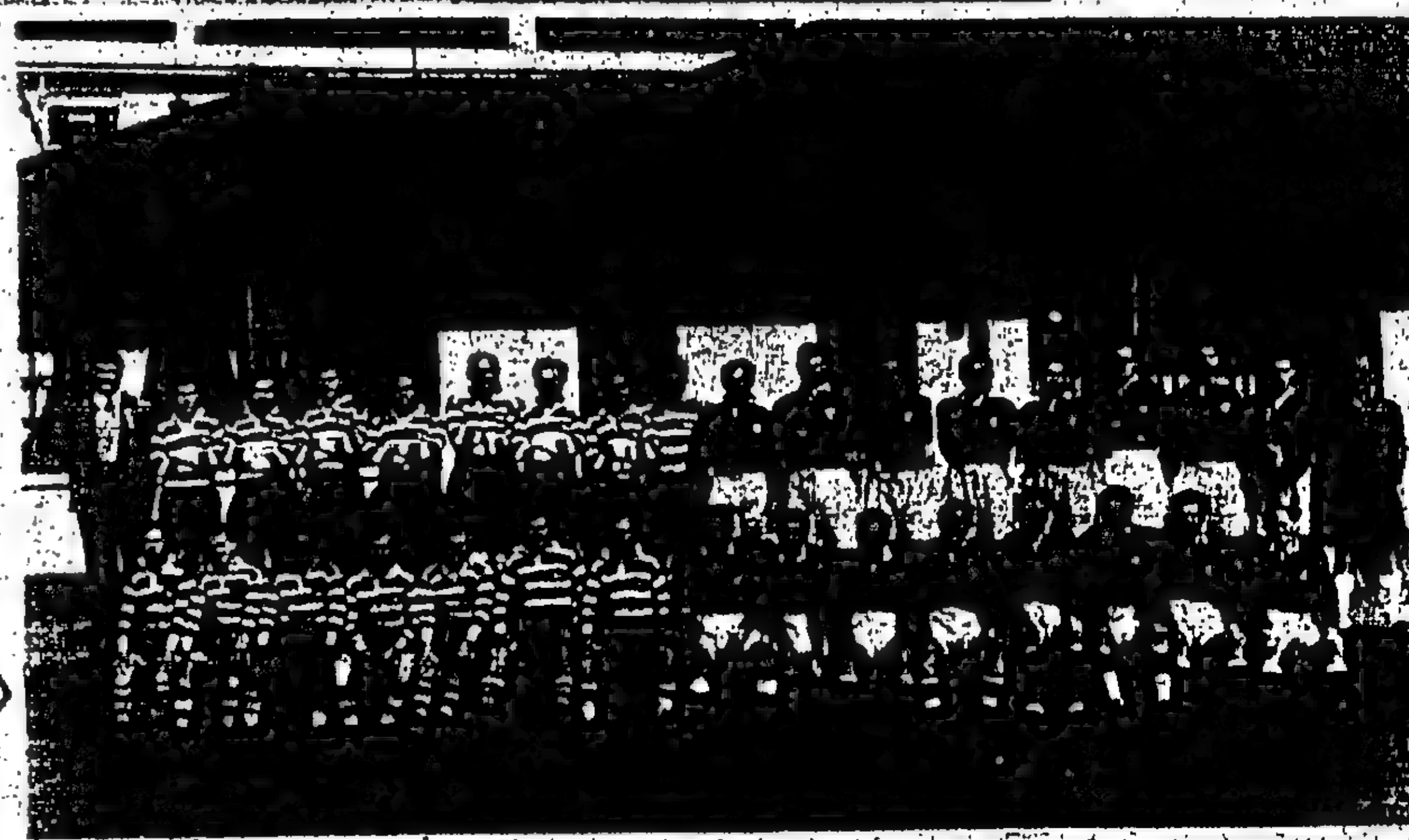
Here are some of the many guests who were present at the cocktail party given by Mr. Zuiden. The occasion was in honour of Mr. Hards. ("China Mail" photo)



Hon. A. Morse, General Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, presents the Silver Bowl to the Hong Kong Rugby Team which beat Shanghai in an interport match. (Ming Yuen Studio)

The Shanghai Rugby XI which lost to Hong Kong in the Interport Rugby Match. ("China Mail" photo)

The Shanghai and Hong Kong rugby teams. Hong Kong won the official interport match played on February 19. (Ming Yuen Studio)





Many friends attended the christening of Margaret Wu, god-child of Mr. and Mrs. George Saunders at Stanley recently. ("China Mail" photo)



Colin Graham, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reynolds was christened at St. John's Cathedral last week. Mr. Reynolds is connected with the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China. ("China Mail" photo)



A second christening at St. John's Cathedral last week was that of Robert Edwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jones. Mr. Jones is a member of the Hong Kong Police Force ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Nelson and their two children. Their infant daughter, Alison, was baptised at St. Joseph's Church last week. (Ming Yuen Studio)

Miss A. L. Loo became the bride of Mr. G. H. Remedios at St. Theresa's Church on February 21. The photo, which includes friends and relatives of the couple, was taken following the marriage ceremony. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. Hubert G. H. Wong and his bride, the former Miss Seto May Yuet. Mr. Wong is the manager of the Cosmo Aerated Waters Company.



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This Serious Bungling Of The Atlantic Pact

By WALTER LIPPMANN

America's Foremost Foreign Commentator

The Scandinavian crisis, which brought the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. Lange, to Washington, is a very serious business.

If it is not handled with foresight and firmness there is reason to think that it will develop into something as dangerous, as difficult, and as costly as Berlin.

For here, once more, inexperienced and over-zealous officials have, quite unnecessarily and in disregard of the warnings that were given to them privately by responsible men at least three months ago, precipitated a showdown before anyone is ready to deal with it.

Before Draft

While the North Atlantic Security Pact was still a paper project—before there was even an agreed draft of the treaty; before it had been shown even to the leaders of the Senate, much less to the American people; before anything definite had even been planned as to how the military obligations were to be financed and administered—these thoughtless officials began exerting pressure on the Scandinavian countries to come forward and announce that they wished to join.

One would think that organising a security pact was like collecting testimonials for an advertising campaign.

For what purpose was served by asking these small and dangerously exposed countries to enter a military arrangement which the United States herself had not yet entered into?

Why, it would be interesting to know, should the Norwegian, Danish, and Swedish Parliaments be asked, or expected, to say they approve a treaty with the United States which has not yet even been published in America, much less debated and approved by the Senate?

The result of this action on the part of our officials has been to expose the Scandinavians to all the risks of membership in the Atlantic Pact without affording them any of the additional security which this pact may eventually provide.

Open Frontier

For, unlike ourselves or any of the other original members, they have an open military frontier with the Soviet Union.

The moment any one of them announced, or even indicated, an intention to join the whole of Scandinavia and also Finland incurred all the liabilities of membership.

Mr. Lange came to Washington asking when and how we would reinsure his country; when and how we would meet the moral commitment which is ours because of the pressure we have exerted on Scandinavia.

How much wiser it would have been to let well enough alone, do the first things first, and to advise our Norwegian friends not to jump the gun, but to wait and see!

Basic Error

The basic error which we have made in Scandinavia is similar to that which we made last spring in regard to Germany and Berlin. It is the result of a failure to realise the difference between acting in areas within the reach of the Red Army and in areas beyond its reach.

Thus, against the Marshall Plan, and even against the original North Atlantic Security Pact, the Soviets could use only propaganda and, at worst, their Fifth Column. They could not interfere with military force because that would have been an overt act of war.

But against the decision to set up a German Government, with its capital at Frankfurt, and to introduce a Western German currency into Berlin they could react with military measures—in themselves quite serious, yet short of war.

When I was in Berlin I admired as all must who have seen it and ridden it, the Air Lift. But I also had a look at the Russian blockade.

At the point where I saw it—a main highway into Berlin—it consisted of a wooden pole painted red and white, which blocked the highway, a sentry box, one Russian soldier with a rifle, and two German policemen. Out of sight, but no doubt near at hand and on call, there were undoubtedly some Russian troops lounging in their barracks.

The contrast between this cheap and effortless device and the great four-engined C-54s carrying coal and carrots and dried potatoes day and night was one which every diplomat would do well to ponder.

For if this Scandinavian crisis is not resolved wisely, the same kind of thing is likely to develop there. Some Russian troops will move through Finland (which is propaganda) to the borders of Sweden and Norway.

The Swedes and Norwegians will then have to mobilise some troops and move them to their frontiers.

Frantic calls will be issued for American help, and some equivalent of the Air Lift will hastily have to be improvised.

Having got over half our military transport planes locked up in the Berlin operation, we shall be faced with the need to lock up some other part of our available military reserves in Scandinavia.

Heavy Strain

The Russians will have imposed a heavy military and economic and emotional strain on Scandinavia, and on us a most difficult task, at virtually no cost to themselves.

For their soldiers can sit down on the Swedish and Norwegian frontiers with no more trouble, and at no more risk, than wherever it is that they are sitting today. But we shall be compelled to act with furious energy just to restore the balance which has been upset.

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RUMOURS IN TOKYO

For months in and around Tokyo there have been rumours of fleets of lorries rumbling into the City at sunset—and rumbling out again at dawn. There have been stories of mysterious troop movements by the Allies, and of gigantic black market operations by get-rich-quick Japanese.

Now, reports Richard Hughes, police enquiries have revealed the roving Night Club. Its proprietor is a Japanese.

Charlie Chaplin—complete with small moustache, Chaplin clothes and stick. The Cherry Club, under Charlie's direction, has been on hire to all corners at rates of up to £200 a night. Nor is the Cherry Club just a luxurious roving dining room and stage. With the Club, sleeping in "dormitory" trucks, travels a 70-man orchestra. There are also 130 "dance hostesses" as well as waiters, a chef and complete kitchen equipment.

And the reason for the daily night and dawn trek in and out of the City? According to the police it is to avoid paying rent and licence fee for a fixed Night Club address. According to Charlie, it is because it makes the Cherry Club "more impressive."

Helping The Blind

J. E. Jarvis is Assistant Secretary of the National Institute for the Blind which deals with the welfare of blind people in Britain. He understands the sightless people's problems fully for he is himself blind. He spoke in a recent BBC broadcast about the organisation's work and the many things done in Britain to meet the needs of the blind.

The young people go to nursery schools called Sunshine Homes. They then pass on to primary schools, and are ready in their twelfth or thirteenth years to pass on to secondary schools. Most of the children go to one of the nine secondary modern schools, where they stay till they are 16, and then pass on to training centres where they are taught a trade. A smaller number of children who show suitability for careers in music, piano-tuning or shorthand typing go to the Royal Normal College for the Blind. Others of outstanding ability go to one of the two grammar schools which the N.I.B. manages, where their education can be continued up to the standard of university entrance. Mentally defective children are cared for under the Health Service while backward ones able to receive education go to a special school where their particular abilities are encouraged.

Nearly half Britain's blind people are employed in 54 workshops at the trades which have been practised there for over a century, basketry, mat and brush making and machine knitting. Others in small towns and country districts work at home at the same trades, and organisations supply them with raw materials and sell their finished products. The earnings of these people are increased to a living income by grants from public funds.

Ballet Company's Success In Australasia

Ballet Rambert first English Company ever to visit Australia or New Zealand, are returning to Britain They can look back on the tour that has been phenomenally successful. It was originally intended that their visit should last about five months. So overwhelming was their reception that they stayed 18 months.

They played continuously for more than a year in Australia. The tour was then extended to include four months visit to New Zealand and also return visit to Australia.

The Repertory consisted of 28 Ballets, six of these being classical. 19 of them were performed for the first time in Australia. In Melbourne 110 performances were seen by 136 thousand people. On the opening night there were no fewer than 40 curtain calls.

A special technicolour film was made on the sand near Brisbane of one of the Ballets with choreography by principal dancer Walter Gore. This will be used in Australian schools. During the tour the leading ballerina married an Australian and Madame Rambert engaged two new dancers who are returning to Britain with the Company.

Ballet Rambert has been described as the nursery of English Ballet. It was founded 21 years and celebrated its coming of age during the Australasian tour. It is not a profit making company. All proceeds are used to finance future productions.

Your Own Mistakes

"With maturity comes another realisation; that you are for the most part responsible for yourself, and what you have become. Some people, of course, go on through life blaming their miseries on their misunderstood childhoods, their harsh parents, their unkind friends, and unsympathetic relations. But on the day I realised that the mistakes in my life were my own mistakes—well, that was also the day when I achieved independence."

Olivia Jones in the BBC programme "Mainly for Women."

Listening-Post

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Programme News

RADIO PARLOUR GAME.
Listeners will be delighted to hear that 'Twenty Questions' returns to the BBC's General Overseas Service on Wednesday at 11.15 a.m. Thursday at 11.15 p.m. and Saturday at 4.30 p.m. after a rest of some months. This enormously popular programme is, of course, the familiar old parlour game, sometimes known as 'clumps', in a new guise. You remember—animal, vegetable, or mineral? In modern dress it makes first-class radio entertainment, as all who've heard 'Twenty Questions' will agree. The presiding genius of the show—and that's a fair description of him—will, as before, be Stewart MacPherson. While the programme has been off the air, 'Stew' has been back in his native Canada having a well-deserved rest from the claims of the microphone—for no one in radio works harder than he. The players in 'Twenty Questions' will as usual be the intuitive housewife, Daphne Padel, unquenchable Jack Train of the many voices, Australian-born Anona Winn, and Richard Dimbleby, commentator and ex-war reporter.

PRIMITIVE AND MODERN ART.
An exhibition entitled '40,000 Years of Modern Art', a comparison of the primitive and the modern, has been organised by the Institute of Contemporary Arts, and is at present being held at the Academy Hall in London. In this week's programme, some questions raised by the exhibition will be discussed by Douglas Cooper, an art historian, and Raymond Firth, an anthropologist. Mr. Cooper is a regular contributor to art periodicals. Dr. Firth has done anthropological research in Britain, the Pacific Islands, and in the Far East, has lectured in the University of Sydney, and is now Professor of Anthropology in the University of London. (Eastern Service; Monday, 10.30 p.m.)

Sunday, February 27

EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.

10.30 'JAMES BONE'S LONDON'—by Moray McLaren. James Bone's two well-known books—'The London Perambulator' and 'London Echoing'—are here combined to provide a picture of London, past and present, as seen by one of its most sympathetic observers. Produced by D. G. Bridson.

B.B.C. Highlights

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

9.15 'DANCING THROUGH'—played by Geraldo and his Concert Orchestra.

P.M.

12.30 MUSIC FROM GRAND HOTEL—Palm Court Orchestra Directed by Tom Jenkins Teresa Corley (conductor).

2.10 THE RADIO DOCTOR

2.15 TIME FOR WORSHIP—from a Glasgow studio, conducted by the Rev. Arthur E. Howard. Hymns sung by the BBC Scottish Singers.

4.30 SUNDAY SERVICE—from Lansdowne Church, Glasgow, conducted by the Rev. Arthur E. Howard.

6.00 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.

6.15 'COCKNEY CABARET'—Presented by Monty Modlyn.

8.15 'TAKE IT FROM HERE'—Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley, Jimmy Edwards, Wallas Eaton, Alan Dean, The Keynotes, BBC Revue Orchestra, conductor, Frank Cantell.

8.45 COLONIAL QUESTIONS—A summary of private questions on Colonial Affairs in Parliament.

9.15 'SWEET SERENADE'—Peter Yorke and his Concert Orchestra with Carole Carr and Steve Conway.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 'CONCERTO'—A series of weekly programmes Mozart's Bassoon Concerto in B flat and Gordon Jacob's Bassoon Concerto played by Archie Camden and the BBC Northern Orchestra. Programme also includes Cimarosa's Overture; The Impresario; William Walton's Prelude and Spillars Fugue from the incidental music for the film 'The First of the Few'; Wagner's Forest Murmurs (Siegfried).

11.45 'CHURCHMEN IN PROFILE'—A series of biographical talks on leaders of British Church life during the past hundred years 'Alexander Whyte', by the Rev. J. Adamson Finlay.

Monday, February 28

Eastern Service

P.M.

10.30 'FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME'—40,000 YEARS OF MODERN ART Douglas Cooper and Raymond Firth discuss an exhibition organised by the Institute of Contemporary Arts, at present being held in London.

General Overseas Service

A.M.

9.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.

9.15 LIFE IN BRITAIN.

9.30 'TIP-TOP TUNES'—Geraldo and his Orchestra.

10.30 Joyce Grenfell and George Benson in 'A NOTE WITH MUSIC'—with Nat Temple and his Orchestra. A weekly programme in the shape of a letter to a friend overseas. Script by Joyce Grenfell and George Benson.

P.M.

12.30 'SWAN LAKE' by Tchaikovsky—The story adapted by Ursula Roseveare and told by Bruce Bellfrage with the BBC Midland Light Orchestra, conductor, Gilbert Vintea.

4.00 'THE SMALL HOUSE AT ALINGTON'—by Anthony Trollope. Adapted for broadcasting by H. Oldfield Box. Episode 5.

4.30 'HAVE A GO!'—The Quiz visits Hemel Hempstead, a quiet country town in Hertfordshire.

6.00 'DOUBLE BILL' Gladys Young in 'A PAIR OF HANDS'—An old maid's ghost story by A. G. Brooks. Adapted from the short story by 'Q' and 'LOUISE'—adapted for radio by John Gould-Smith from the short story by W. Somerset Maugham.

8.15 'BANDS WITHIN BANDS'—The Silvester Four from Victor Silvester's Orchestra.

9.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Ian Whyte.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 Eric Barker in 'WATERLOGGED SPA'.

11.45 'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE'.

Tuesday, March 1

General Overseas Service

A.M.

9.15 SCIENCE REVIEW.

9.30 Naughton Wayne and Basil Radford in 'HAVING A WONDERFUL CRIME'—Comedy-thriller in eight episodes by Max Kester. 3: 'A Fishy Business'.

10.45 'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE' 11.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN—BBC Theatre Orchestra Conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham Excerpts from the works of Berlioz.

P.M.

12.30 VARIETY SOUNDBOX—from the Kilburn Empire, London, with Derek Roy, Mario 'Harp' Lorenzi, Harry Hemsley, Albert and Les Ward, George Williams, Dennis Catlin and Ethel Wilmet, Jimmie Elliot, and The Three Imps.

1.45 NATAL v. M.C.C. An eye-witness account.

2.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

4.00 'SCARLET AND BLUE'—Band of the Irish Guards Conductor: Major G. H. Willcocks Luten Girls' Choir Conductor: Arthur E. Davies Frederick Hervey (baritone) Felton Rapley (organ).

6.00 'FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME'—The Barylli String Quartet, Otto Reuhm (double-bass) and Peter Stadlen (piano) String Quartet in E flat.....Schubert Quintet in A (The Trout).....Schubert

6.00 AMERICAN LETTER by Allister Cooke.

8.45 BILLY MAYERL and his Music

9.15 'VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE'—BBC Variety Orchestra, conductor, Rae Jenkins, with Douglas Cameron (cello) and Lorely Dyer (soprano)

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.15 LISTENERS' DIGEST—A programme compiled by Sir Stephen Tallents.

11.45 REPORT FROM BRITAIN—A weekly talks by Vernon Bartlett

Wednesday, March 2

General Overseas Service

A.M.

9.30 'MUCH-BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'.

10.00 THE STORYTELLER—'The Autumn Run' by H. R. Jukes, read by Ronald Simpson.

10.45 REPORT FROM BRITAIN.

11.15 'TWENTY QUESTIONS'—Anona Winn, Daphne Padel, Jack Train, and Richard Dimbleby, who ask all the questions; and Stewart MacPherson who knows (almost) all the answers.

P.M.

4.00 'MUCH-BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'.

6.00 'CONCERTO'—A series of weekly programmes—Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 in E flat (The Emperor) played by Kendall Taylor and the BBC Scottish Orchestra, conductor, Ian Whyte. Programme also includes Liszt's Tone Poem: Festklänge (Festive Sounds)

7.15 REG PURSGLOVE—and the Albany Players Clive Richardson (piano).

7.45 GENERALLY SPEAKING 'Famous Men'—Sir J. J. Thomson, by Prof. J. A. Crowther.

8.45 BILLY MAYERL RHYTHM ENSEMBLE.

9.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

11.45 BALANCE OF EUROPE—A weekly commentary by Andrew Shonfield, on the Recovery Programme.

Thursday, March 3

General Overseas Service

A.M.

11.45 THIRTY YEARS OF BRITISH

JAZZ'—Presented by Hector Stewart.

1.00 Bydney Lipton and his Orchestra in 'THE MUSIC BOX'.

4.00 IN BRITAIN NOW—A National Magazine.

6.00 SCIENCE AND EVERYDAY LIFE—'Eating to What Purpose?' First of two talks by A. L. Bacharach.

7.15 BBC WELSH ORCHESTRA—Conducted by Arwel Hughes Idris Daniels (baritone).

Characteristic March: 'Uhlans', Bell Suite: 'Gabillo', Rossel Breuddwyd Glyndwr

Ballad of Glyndwr's Rising E. T. Davies

-Russian Interlude... Gordon Jacob

8.15 CELEBRITY RECITAL Jan Smeterlin (piano)—Studies from Op. 10.....Chopin

9.15 'LET'S MAKE MUSIC'—Low Stone and his Orchestra with the Monstones and Pearl Carr.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 BRITISH CONCERT HALL—London Symphony Orchestra Conducted and presented by Clarence Raybould.

Overture: The Wreckers..... Ethel Smyth

New Suite (No. 4) from Carmen... Bizet, arr. Raybould

Sinfonietta.....E. J. Moeran

11.15 'Twenty Questions'.

11.45 SPECIAL DISPATCH.

Friday, March 4

General Overseas Service

A.M.

10.00 'MEET THE COMMONWEALTH'.

10.30 'SERENADE FOR TWO'—Dick James and Bette Roberts. AUG-

Keep this page for use during the week.

mented BBC Revue Orchestra, conductor, Frank Cantell.

11.15 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Charles Groves.

A London Symphony..... Vaughan Williams

P.M.

2.15 'MUSIC FOR DANCING'—Victor Silvester and his Ballroom Orchestra

4.00 PORTS AND HARBOURS OF BRITAIN Liverpool—Written by Alex McCrindle.

4.30 ARTHUR BIRKBY OCTET—with Billy Mayerl (piano) and Roland Robson (baritone).

5.30 CELEBRITY RECITAL Aulikki Rautavaara (soprano). *100.00

PLEASURE FROM BOOKS—A talk by James Langham on D. H. Lawrence's novels and short stories, illustrated by readings.

7.30 'FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME' 'Horace'—A talk by A. P. Ryan.

9.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN—9.15 Billy Tennent and his Orchestra in 'THE MUSIC BOX'.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.45 WORLD AFFAIRS—A survey by the Hon. Harold Nicolson.

Saturday, March 5

General Overseas Service

A.M.

9.30 'WATERLOGGED SPA'.

10.00 SCOTTISH MAGAZINE.

10.45 WORLD AFFAIRS.

P.M.

3.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.

4.30 'TWENTY QUESTIONS'.

5.45 FREDERICK RIDDLE—(Canadian viola-player)

Legend.....Arnold Bax

Fractulium and Allegro.....Pugnani-Kreisler

6.30 'MASTERS OF DESIGN' 'Schubert'—An illustrated talk by Reginald Legg.

9.15 MAJESTIC ORCHESTRA—Conducted by Lou Whiteson Billy Mayerl (piano).

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 SATURDAY SPORT—including commentaries on 'Cricket: South Africa v. England—The Fifth (and Final) Test Match at Port Elizabeth; Soccer: F. A. Cup Replay or League Match.

All Times Are H.K. Standard Time

Britain's New Villages

Britain is not growing enough food or timber for her population, and major steps are being taken to remedy these deficiencies.

L. F. Easterbrook spoke recently in the BBC's Pacific Service about the new villages that are being created in the waste lands of the English-Scottish border in order to increase food and timber production. He said that, contrary to the idea of many people abroad, Britain is not made up mostly of industrial towns interspersed with parks, but that 80 per cent of it is agricultural land, a lot of it lonely hills that are sadly under-populated and where farmers have to live in almost complete isolation.

Easterbrook remarked that most people nowadays will not put up with such a life, for they want neighbours, schools for their children, a few shops and perhaps a cinema. With the new scheme of afforestation now in hand it seems that the answer to the problem of resettling land in isolated districts has been found, for on the acres that were formerly bare ground new forests will be planted. Timber-growing country eventually employs about one man to every 20 acres of woodland, saw-hills are needed and many other things too, making a nucleus for a rural community.

He described the first of these new communities, at a place called Ae in Dumfriesshire. "When I first saw it three years ago it was a bare hillside, right out among the hills with the beginnings of the new Forest of Ae just showing up, about three feet high. It is a lovely spot, with a little stream, called the Water of Ae, running by in the valley. Now the first four of the houses are half finished. There will be 25 by the end of the year, and at least 80 in the end.

"A church will be built to crown a rising bit of ground where sheep are now grazing. There will be an inn, a school, a village shop that sells everything from new suits and ironmongery to stumps and bootlaces, and a village hall where the future inhabitants can meet for entertainment. Everything will be here for a self-contained community to make its own life and develop its own ways of expressing itself. There will be a playing field for village sportsmen and the children, and swimming in the stream that may be just big enough for boating too. There will be transport, of a modest kind, to the nearest town that is 12 miles away for more elaborate shopping, expeditions and visits to the cinema."

There will be many problems to solve, of course; there always are, but as Easterbrook concluded by saying, "We've made a start and we think we see the way ahead."

War Record

Una Haldane is an Irishwoman who married an Italian lawyer and went to Italy. She lived there for 20 years but when war came was completely cut off from her family and her native country.

To bridge this gap, in imagination at least, she wrote to her mother and friends a series of letters which she meant to post at the end of the war, giving the full story of her life in what was then an enemy country. She had never really regarded the Italians as enemies for she and her husband had not been Fascist supporters but as soon as they could they threw in their lot with the Partisans and did their best to provide refuge for escaped British prisoners. Their organisation supplied these men with food and civilian clothing and helped to escort them by various routes over the Alps into Switzerland and safety.

Her letters, which she hid in an old furnace in her house in Milan during the war, reached Ireland at last, and came into the hands of John Boyd, BBC talks producer in Belfast. He was so stirred by the story that when Una Haldane came home to Ulster to visit her family he persuaded her to rewrite her letters in a dramatised form. She did so, but directly the programme was over, she returned to her husband in Italy.

New Books

SEAN O'CASEY, ANGRY DREAMER

By Peter Quennell

Among the most prized possessions of some races, and of many individuals, are the wrongs that they have suffered. They cradle their grievances with a fierce devotion. Lacking a sense of the dramatic injustice of life, they feel lost and old and lonely. What, for example, would have become of Irish literature if Cathleen ni Houlihan had had no traditional sorrows to inspire the Celtic genius?

Luckily there is always Partition; but Cathleen's sorrows today are far less numerous than they have been at any time since Irishmen went bare-legged, and Sean O'Casey for one thinks the result has been disastrous.

Red Star-Gazer

Inishfallen, Fare Thee Well is the fourth volume of his autobiography, and among the angriest books that even Ireland ever brought forth. Naturally a Celt must have delusive dreams, and Sean O'Casey's dream-life now centres round the Red Star, to which—excited, he tells us with pleasant naivety, by some photographs of Russian peasant children peering at a diesel engine—he reels off a long hymn of jubilation and enthusiastic homage.

But of his native land he has little good to report. Like Yeats, he had expected that a "terrible beauty" might be born of strife and civil bloodshed. Then, as he watched, yesterday's rebels became today's Civil Servants, thrown into a "flutter of ecstasy" by an invitation from the Governor-General, desperately puzzled which fork to use and how to wear a top hat, busily rehearsing with their wives their new official party manners:

"You go too quick, Jack. You're runnin' like a newboy." Go back, an' come in again....."

These blasted boots are cuttin' th' feet o' me!"

"You'll have to put up with them. Now thry again, an' thry to take that hump off your shoulders. Go on—say something."

"Grand evening, Mr. Healy, so 'tis." Inishfallen, Fare Thee Well is not likely to appeal to the tastes of modern Irish patriots. Other readers, if they are prepared to overlook a good deal of noisy cat-trailing and some rather foolish Red Star-gazing, will find much to arrest their imagination in Sean O'Casey's personal record—for instance, his account of his mother's death, at a period when downright destitution was still just around the corner, and a wonderfully vivid glimpse of a ruid by Black-and-Tans on a crowded Dublin tenement building, mixed up with a scene of Rebelisation low comedy.

Such passages are the work of a born writer, who handles the English language with Celtic force and gusto.

Over The Border

Bride Steen carries us North across the border to boggy County Fermanagh, where Protestant rubs shoulders with Catholic, but deep and hopeless division runs through whole communities.

The heroine of Anne Cronin's first novel is a sensitive, well-meaning girl, brought up as a Roman Catholic, whose mother had committed the "unthinkable sin" of marrying into the other faith—a recollection that gives her "the same pang of dread" as her uncle James's ghost-stories.

From this situation develops a life-long conflict that Anne Cronin (whose second story should be worth waiting for) follows carefully and sympathetically, if perhaps a shade laboriously. A solid and thoroughly honest effort;

Range Of Occupations

The most important advance in blind welfare in recent years is the widening of the range of occupations. Already there are more than 1,500 blind factory workers, and the number is steadily rising. There are hundreds of blind stenographers and telephone switch-board operators, many musicians and masscurs, as well as blind lawyers, ministers of religion, teachers, business men and administrators. The National Institute's employment officers, all partly blind, work in close touch with local societies, and Ministry of Labour officials.

Adults who go blind are sent to Homes of Recovery to accustom them to their new state and many blind people too old to work now get a state pension. Throughout Britain local authorities have for years looked after the blind by providing teachers who call on them regularly. Homes, hostels and clubs for the blind are also maintained, sometimes by local authorities but usually by voluntary societies, many of which existed before the Government began to help the blind.

In addition to education, training, employment and great social care which blind people need, they also have requirements, such as books, magazines and music in Braille and special equipment of many kinds, which can only be met nationally. There must also be research into new careers for blind people and measures to prevent blindness, while it is vitally necessary to keep in touch with organisations for the blind throughout the world. The N.I.B. does all these things and the opinions of the blind themselves carry much weight throughout its work, for a third of its governing body and many members of its staff are sightless.

The Institute does not pretend that Britain has a perfect system of blind welfare, but it does believe that the close link it has made between private organisations and the State and the fact that blind people partner so fully in the work is the best way yet found of meeting the needs of the blind with intelligence and understanding.

but the authoress's prose style is sometimes inclined to creak, and she has none of that instinctive feeling for words, that poetic gift of moulding a phrase, which is Sean O'Casey's birth-right.

Norway Was Once Bitten

By Gordon Young

Stockholm, Friday.

Today the difficulties which are perplexing the Northern lands of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark may be a matter of life and death. Yet it is unhappily true to say that just now the Scandinavian family is as bewildered about its present and uncertain about its future as it has been at any time since the war.

In face of pressure from Russia on both Norway and Finland, pressure which is likely to intensify greatly this spring, the three Northern peoples have soon to decide on one of three possible courses of action to save their independent existence:

1. To form a Northern Union for mutual defence.
2. To subscribe to the Atlantic Pact.
3. Adherence to the Atlantic Pact by Norway alone, with Denmark probably following later, but Sweden remaining resolutely neutral—and dangerously isolated.

It looks at the moment as though the third solution is the likeliest, since this week's debate in the Stockholm Parliament has made it clear that Sweden won't consider joining the Atlantic Pact for a long time to come.

The first course of action—Northern Union—has been shelved since the Oslo conference broke down, though it might be revived if America fails to give Norway guarantees strong enough to make her feel safe in joining the Atlantic Pact and openly defying Russia.

The strongest opposition of views in all this Northern dilemma is currently between Norway and Sweden.

The view of the Norwegians is a straightforward one. They have learned from experience of the last war that the only true safety for a small country lies in co-operation in good time with trusted friends. They will tell you in Oslo: "We don't intend to be caught in bed a second time." Even a defence union of the three Northern lands, they say, would not be strong enough to stand alone without help from the West.

Strong support for the Atlantic Pact comes from influential Norwegian ship-owners, and most of the middle class. Such opposition, as there is, comes, apart from the Communists, mainly from the Social Democrats, who have a long tradition of co-operation with the workers of Sweden, Denmark, and Finland, and are reluctant to see old ties broken.

To the Norwegians it seems a simple truth that at the moment when the other countries of the West are uniting to defend the Western way of life all those who enjoy its privileges should collaborate in preserving it.

Land Of Peace

Not so, however, the Swedes. In this land which has been at peace for 133 years, and likes it very much, there seem to be at least four good reasons why Sweden should be cautious:

1. Sweden is the nearest of the three lands to Russia.

2. Since she is the only one of the three which has at present any considerable defence forces, it is Sweden who would have to bear the brunt of the initial fighting in any eventual showdown.

3. It is argued that if Sweden became the obvious "outpost of the West," Russia might retaliate by occupying Finland, which would leave the situation in the North worse than it was before.

4. Above all, the Swedes have a deep faith in the virtue of neutrality, which they say has already kept them out of two world wars.

Moreover, Sweden genuinely feels that she has already gone a daringly long way in even offering to collaborate in a Northern Defence Union. Now that negotiations for that have for the time being broken down the Swedes argue that their prime duty is to look to their own defences, for which purpose they announced this week the calling-up of four year-groups of reserves for training this spring.

To some extent Russia's nerve war on the North has backfired. It has certainly caused alarm and perplexity in all three lands, especially Sweden, but at least the urgency of the new situation with which Russia has confronted Scandinavia has brought the people nearer to facing up to realities.

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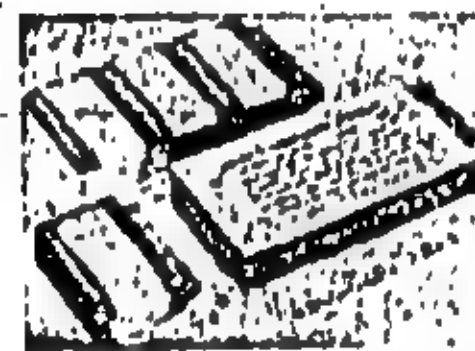
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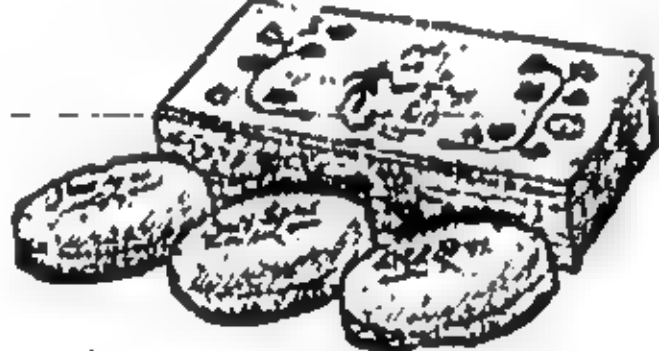


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straight weeks parked on little cane-seated chairs for nearly eight hours a day could regard previewing fashions as a frivolous affair.

In England we are learning fast to appreciate the importance of fashion both as a partner to the textile industry and as an uplift to social morale in general.

And in many respects our designers can hold their own with the best. But in France fashion is so important that it is discussed on a parallel with high art; and it is a matter of argument whether fashion or steel is her second largest export (wine, of course, being the first).

This being the case, it seemed you might be interested to know what it's like from the inside "viewing the spring collections"—straight, so to speak, from the horse's mouth!

To start with, getting in at all is quite something. Scotland Yard and the American F.B.I. are just open house by comparison. You need a special identity card, and then an invitation with your name on from each dress house.

These precautions are because a toile or cotton pattern of every model may be sold for from £40 to £100 several times over to different buyers. They will be copied, and in America mass-produced as fast as possible after an agreed release date.

If someone were to steal the lace from the preview, naturally there would be no point in buying the models. So buyers and members of the Press must be carefully "screened."

Just in case anybody has a public conscience, however, the mannequins generally travel ticket-split; they turn and twist at such speed that it would take a smart eye indeed to make a true copy of anything!

One lady whose pencil had allegedly run away with her, and who was firmly escorted out of his salons by M. Christian Dior. Other artists who had merely been making written notes were noticed nervously pocketing their pencils afterwards—just in case! (Of course, sketches and photographs will be allowed later.)

The mannequins themselves vary according to the designers' idea of chic and the market at which they are aiming. For the American buyers (always interested in youthful-looking clothes) we were treated to a plethora of delicious mademoiselle about 20 years old.



One house which designs a good deal for England had one or two older-looking women as models; they also employed one girl so devastatingly attractive that she completely took the mind of a male journalist off his job.

Each time she had sailed through he would nudge me deprecatingly and whisper: "For heaven's sake, what was she wearing?"

Another designer goes in for exclusively Mongolian types to model for him. Girls who look as if they had tasted life to the hilt. He has often expressed the opinion that, whereas "fashion" may be becoming, "chic" is slightly decadent. He certainly illustrates his point extremely well.

There is one characteristic all the mannequins have in common: their middles—are so small that you are convinced a strong breeze would cause them to snap in half.

Giving substance to the theory that the French consider fashion as high art was the presence at many showings of some of Paris's

most successful since designers and painters. Most interestingly seen was Christian Bernard, who you will have read, died so suddenly three days ago.

Bernard is known to us by his wonderful deco for the ballet; both for the Sadler's Wells Company at Covent Garden, and the visiting Ballets des Champs-Élysées.

He belonged to the French school which is making such remarkable use of colour in stage decor, as, for instance, his conference Jean-Denis Malcles has done in the "Cinderella" ballet in which Moira Shearer has been delighting London this season.

It was in no way incongruous to see the large bearded Bernard balancing precariously on the small gilt chair, and to see him leading the occasional applause, murmuring: "Ravissante—mais ravissante!" as some exquisite creation of form and colour took his eye. It is hard to believe, that he is gone; we can only hope that his influence in art will remain.

After so much concentrated attention you feel rather as if you have the impression of robes do styles imprinted on your eyeballs. But you also get the impression that so much genius for designing, so much industrial effort, and so much intellectual appreciation cannot be lightly dismissed as a frivolity.

My lady may wear her new spring outfit with such grace you would think it grew on her; but that delicious outline has its beginnings in a pattern of our life as complicated and unending as—well, shall we say, as my lady herself?

Brilliant Year For The RAF

With 3,000,000 passenger miles to their credit and not one accident involving either death or injury, the Royal Air Force last December completed what was probably the best year ever in air history. Except on one occasion—last June when an aircraft crashed over Northolt Aerodrome posing crew and one passenger—Transport Command and other commands of the RAF through out the year flew some 3,000,000 passenger miles every month without accident of any kind.

U.S. FLINCHES FROM MILITARY AID

Mr. BEVIN was perfectly right when, in his cable to Secretary Acheson after Stalin's recent peace conference, he suggested that these would best be answered by speeding up action on the Atlantic Pact.

The Foreign Secretary had hoped, and no doubt still hopes, to cross the Atlantic some time next month in order to sign that pact for Britain, an intention which displays his commendable disregard for his very poor state of health, probably no better than Stalin's.

Regrettable Delays

But it now appears that certain most regrettable delays have arisen which are causing the State Department to proceed with caution in a matter in which boldness is an essential requirement. The preliminary negotiations on the pact on the American side had been the responsibility of Under-Secretary Bob Lovett, who resigned with Mr. Marshall last month. Mr. Acheson had to make himself familiar with matters of far-reaching importance which had been outside the range of American policy at the time he left the State Department to return to his law practice.

It was not long, however, before the European representatives in the negotiations discovered that he was making heavier weather than his predecessor over the clauses in the pact likely to concern the Senate.

Right of Congress

Americans always stress the exclusive Constitutional right of Congress to commit U.S. armed forces to military action or the country to war. But in almost all the other seven negotiating countries that right resides in the final instance in the Parliaments. It seems, therefore, quite unnecessary for such an accepted constitutional right to be written into every pact or treaty merely to satisfy American insistence, for the addition of such a provision inevitably weakens the text. Of course, Mr. Acheson has to reckon with the view of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and these may be proving awkwardly divided. He has to bear in mind that every treaty requires a two-thirds Senate majority for ratification.

As it happens this tiresome rule has no deep Constitutional origin or significance; it was introduced for a purely ad hoc application in 1787, when it was thought that Mississippi navigation rights were endangered.

In fact, the Hoover Commission, about which I wrote two weeks

BEHIND THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SCENE

ago, has only very reluctantly decided against the inclusion in its report of a proposal to give the President the right to make treaties without a two-thirds Senate majority.

Nevertheless, even were this rule to be abandoned we should be left with the problem of a Congress jealous of its powers, the problem now facing Mr. Acheson.

Can Congress be convinced that any further weakening of the draft would destroy altogether the tremendous potential power of an Atlantic Pact to prevent the outbreak of another war?

Military Action

America is now flinching from the written obligation to take "military or other action," having already insisted on the substitution of that hesitant "or" for the former "and" previously agreed upon.

No pact is needed to prove to the Soviet or to the Western Powers that the U.S. would take some "action" in the event of an attack by the first on the second. More specific assurance is required if the Atlantic Pact is to bring up behind the existing European recovery programme the strength and security necessary to make it, in Mr. Hoffman's words, "the greatest bargain the American people ever had."

By Alistair Forbes

A means must be found of promising American military action of some kind to the pact signatories. It is difficult to believe that Mr. Acheson could not testify before Congress to this effect with the same persuasive brilliance which he displayed last week in defending the recovery programme, along with its able supervisors, Messrs. Hoffman, Harriman, Finletter, and Bruce.

Some criticism is being levelled at Mr. Acheson for his alleged attempt to put pressure on other countries to enter the Atlantic system. But I could discover no evidence whatever of any attempt by Washington to "put the heat on" Norway or any other country. There was some negative pressure implied in the statement that America could not underwrite a separate Scandinavian security system, but nothing more. The suggestion has also been made that the U.S. demanded the inclusion of Italy.

No Preparations

This step was known to be opposed by the Chiefs of Staff and by Lord Montgomery. In fact, the Italian Government, after a considerable period of doubt, has embarrassed the Brussels Powers and the State Department by asking to be included.

What does emerge from last week's events in Washington is that there has been insufficient political preparation, both domestically and internationally, for the issues raised by the projected pact, and that rapid completion of a treaty between the seven Powers would best have preceded the broadening of its scope and the

greater precision of its military terms. The Mideventy "trial" and the E.C.A. hearings in Congress, and swept away overnight any lingering sympathy for Stalin's soft words.

So far the hearings have brought nothing but praise for Britain's efforts to use Marshall Aid to gain a dollar balance in 1952.

Praise For Britain

Mr. Finletter admittedly directs the attention of Congress to the bright side of our affairs, but his words gave every Briton, Socialist or not, cause for pride, even though his chief Mr. Harriman, seemed at one moment to be rather over-egging the pudding.

Labour Party headquarters will now doubtless turn for propaganda material from members of the British Royal Family to members of America's big business dynasties now in the public service.

Mr. Finletter is believed to be giving up his post in London, a belief certainly supported by the vast amount of baggage which he took home with him in the Queen Mary.

Mr. Stafford Cripps will count himself fortunate if his successor proves to be as loyal and as un-critical a friend of Britain. I learn, too, that Mr. Lewis Douglas may be leaving London before the end of the year, though nothing seems to have been finally decided on this score.

Whatever the reasons for Mr. Douglas's departure there can be no Briton who would not deeply regret the departure of the Ambassador and his popular wife and family, or deeply deplore the loss of such outstanding services to the American Administration.

Mr. Finletter's able opposite number in Paris, Mr. David Bruce, has also been heard with sympathy in Washington. Mr. Bruce's task has been a far more difficult and far more disagreeable one. He has had to "hurry along" a succession of French Governments, and not surprisingly has sometimes been forced to go farther and to adopt sharper, more "governessy" tones.

American Slump?

Yet he is respected and liked everywhere in France. And no man perhaps deserves more credit for the very marked improvement in French affairs which I have seen able to find here in Paris during the past few days after several months' absence.

Mr. Truman is believed to be considering the appointment of Mr. Bruce as Ambassador in this capital, and it would be an excellent choice.

But while it would be foolish to wax overly optimistic about what is likely enough only a temporary improvement in the French economy, at the mercy of future political setbacks and upsels, it is no less unwise to head too much into the recent fall in American commodity prices.

There is no sign of a serious slump in the U.S. at present, but the Americans are notorious hypochondriacs, as well as slaves to both printed word and figures.

If they see a slight seasonal recession diagnosed on all sides as a slump they may take fright and, like a patient scared by the sight of an evening rise in temperature markers on a fever chart, grow suddenly very ill indeed.

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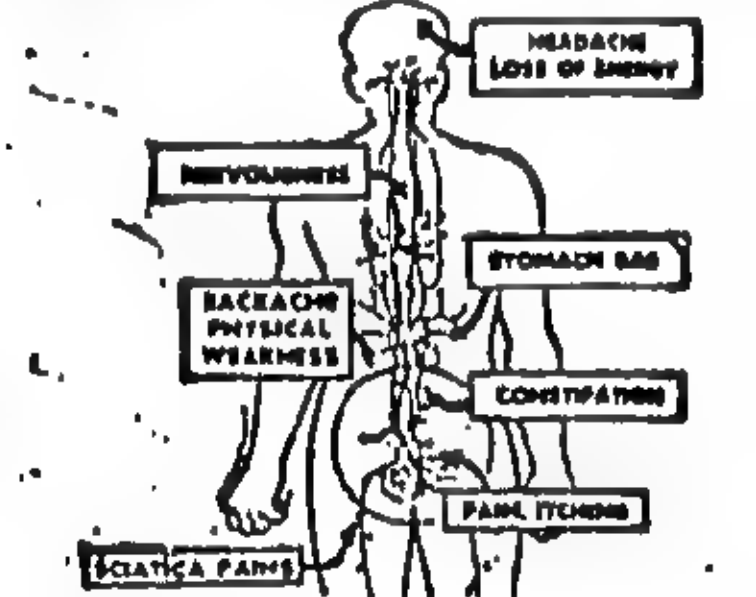


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CHURCHILL'S DENUNCIATION OF "DEVASTATING TYRANNY" SPEECH AT OPENING OF EUROPE COUNCIL

Emergency Plan For Refugees

Hamburg, February 25. An immediate emergency programme under Marshall aid to rehabilitate 10,000,000 German refugees in Western Germany was called for here today by the International Conference of the World Council of Churches.

The Conference said the Economic Co-operation Administration should be urged to aid in every way possible the development of such a programme in accordance with European Recovery Programme policies of self-help and mutual co-operation.

Aid should be on a grant basis without establishing a claim against Germany, it was added. The Conference referred to the "tragic and unrelieved misery, the utter poverty, the family disruption and social and moral confusion of more than 10,000,000 of our fellow men."

The three-day Conference decided that representatives of the World Council should go to South America, New Zealand and Australia to discuss emigration. It proposed that changes of emigration should be given to at least a tenth of the German refugees.

Representatives of the Control Commission, the German Evangelical Churches and British and American Churches attended.

Childbirth Analgesia

London, February 25. The text of the Analgesia in Childbirth Bill, introduced in the House of Commons as a private Member's Bill by Mrs. Peter Thorneycroft, Conservative, and supported by Labour and Liberal Members, was published today.

The first of eight clauses provides that within four years of passing the Bill or such further period as may be allowed, every practising midwife shall receive some form of instruction in the administration of analgesia for the relief of pain to women in childbirth.

The Bill requires local authorities to provide apparatus and drugs and transport facilities for midwives, and also requires hospitals and maternity homes to provide apparatus and drugs for their patients.

The Bill applies to Scotland and not to Northern Ireland. — Reuter.

Ex-Shanghai GOC's New Job

London, February 25. Dunbarton County's new Lord Lieutenant, Major-General A. P. D. Telfer Smollett, has his home like his predecessor, the late Sir Ian Colquhoun on the banks of Loch Lomond.

He was Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey in the early stages of the last war but his chief claim to popular fame lies in his command of the British troops in Shanghai in 1937, when he had to show a firm hand in dealing with Japanese provocations.

In the 1947 Birthday Honours he became a CBE. He is Honorary Colonel of the Highland Light Infantry.

Brussels, February 25. Mr. Winston Churchill today denounced Communist tyranny as more permanently devastating than that of Hitler.

Mr. Churchill spoke as the International Council of the European Movement opened its first conference. Delegates from 22 countries, including six Iron Curtain states, attended.

Mr. Churchill did not specifically mention Communism, but welcomed with the warmest feelings of sympathy the representatives of the European countries which are at present held in the grip of a tyranny more permanently devastating than that of Hitler.

The Communist states were represented here by the exiled leaders of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

Mr. Churchill told the delegates that the cause of a United Europe had made unceasing progress and that this is the hour for further positive steps.

Mr. Churchill told the 140 delegates: "That is because the conception of Europe as a United entity has proved itself to be a living truth in perfect harmony with the needs of the broad masses of the people in every part of the Continent."

Mr. Churchill and the Belgian Premier, M. Paul Henri Spaak, are Presidents-of-Honour of the Congress, which is to last four days.

The "European flag"—white with an emerald green "E"—fluttered from a dozen tall white flagpoles in front of the Palais des Academies as police motorcyclists escorted Mr. Churchill from the Royal Palace where he is the guest of the Prince Regent.

Above Parties
The expected anti-Churchill demonstrations did not materialize. Reports that Brussels police had discovered secret Communist riot orders were officially denied today.

Standing beside M. Spaak on the brilliantly floodlit platform, Mr. Churchill declared that the conception of a United Europe rises above the ordinary party and Parliamentary differences which are the healthy but often disturbing characteristics of Parliamentary and democratic systems.

"And now, less than four years after the cannonade of the most terrible of wars has ended, it has already shown itself superior in many ways to the passions of hatred and revenge which naturally follow the terrible injuries we have inflicted upon one another."

"Not only do we meet as Allies in a common struggle but we welcome to our midst as friends and comrades representatives of the great States and races with whom we have been so lately locked in frightful conflict."

"That is, indeed, an example of the force of an idea triumphing over the fiercest passions of men and nations, to turn our thoughts from the past to the future, and to turn the deeds of hatred to new associations and brotherhood, which we know are our only hope."

Living Truth
Mr. Churchill continued: "The progress which our cause has made has been unceasing; that is because the conception of Europe as a United entity has proved itself to be a living truth, in perfect harmony with the needs of the broad masses of the people in every part of the Continent."

Mr. Churchill went on: "Our progress has gained momentum in the last year. Many difficulties and obstructions have been

Mr. Sanders said: "The economic study section, under the chairmanship of Sir Harold Butler, has already made much progress and we are convening an important economic conference at Westminster in April."

The cultural section under Professor Salvador de Madariaga, studying means of bringing the peoples of Europe closer together, is preparing for a European Cultural Conference in Switzerland.

The Congress agenda includes: 1. The study of a draft European Convention providing for the setting up of a European "Court of Human Rights," which accept.

2. The study of the principles on which European policy should be founded.

3. Discussion of general organization and propaganda. — Reuter and United Press.

Explorer's Depot Found By Britons

London, February 25. A supply depot laid down by the Swedish explorer, Otto Nordenskjold, nearly 50 years ago, was accidentally found in the Falkland Islands during a recent British survey, the Colonial Office stated today.

The discovery was made near Cape Hamilton. No details were given.

Reporting on the work of the survey unit, which made the discovery, the Colonial Office said that conditions at the survey base at Hope Bay are extremely severe. The site proved far from ideal climatically. Snow drifts to a depth of 20 to 30 feet, leaving only the chimneys of the Nissen huts protruding, while the doors are accessible only by steps cut deep down into the snow and ice.

The highest recorded wind was 130 miles per hour. Parties were in the field almost continuously from April to November and everybody spent at least 100 days

under canvas. From April to August there was only five hours' daylight at the most, and about 1,300 miles were sledged.

Sufficient information was collected to map South Ross Island from the North of Cape Obelisk round the coast to Cape Hamilton, including Ross Bay and Persson and Locker Islands.

To obtain weather information, men and dogs had to cross crevasses, break through pressure ridges with shovels and axes, bridge rifts six to 10 feet wide with blocks of ice, negotiate ice cliffs and dangerous mountain country.

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Fashion's Caprice

By JANET MARTIN

One of the most delightful things about fashion is the caprice, the touch of fantasy, which catches on from time to time.

Maybe it has only the briefest existence, like the mayfly on a summer's day. Maybe it enjoys a whirlwind popularity, sweeping half the feminine world off its feet.

And even if we, ourselves, are unlikely to adopt any of the more extravagant of fashion's fancies, we like to hear about them just the same. Some of them, on more restrained lines, of course, may turn out to be the highlights of next season's fashion.

For every season's fashions, so the great designers tell us, contain something of the flowering of the season before, and the seeds of the season to come. Nice thought!

Necklines, for instance, are an excellent example. The trend is quite definitely toward lower necks. Starting among the great, romantic ball gowns, necklines, as such, have vanished altogether, in favour of strapless tops and boned bodices.

This season the low neck fashion spreads to "after five" gowns and cocktail frocks, with the necks cut out to all manner of shapes, sweetheart, square, round, elliptical, or the deep, plunging V anything, so long as it is low as possible.

In Australia, now in the midst of her summer season, low necked cotton frocks are to be seen everywhere, for town and restaurant wear as well as for the beach.

Extravaganzas on the low theme is the décolleté, short-skirted restaurant dress, worn always with hat (preferably large) and gloves. The frocks are the now usual 12 to 13 inches from the ground in length, and have strapless bodices or off-shoulder tops with little sleeves. Black is the favorite colour, worn with a large picture hat, with roses, and long, black gloves...very Edwardian from the other side of the table.

Just take your late-day silk suit with its slim skirt and poplin imagine it with the top chopped off at armhole level and you have the exact idea of one of the most successful of these models.

From Paris comes a lovely version in lavender silk, with shirred, strapless bodice and four-cornered "handkerchief" skirt over a multitude of pleats. The hat is small, in lavender to match, and has a long, glycerined feather curling down to the shoulder and the inevitable long, black gloves.

My favourite has a skirt of black silk faille, straight fronted, with stiffened flares at the back and two tops for alternative wear. One completes a cocktail suit with a matching jacket, flaring out at the back. The other is a boned bodice with jutting, penum, the strapless top outlined with a band of jet beading. With the second top goes a wide black hat, slanted to the back of the head and trimmed, under the brim, with a feather pom-pom, beaded with jet. The black gloves too, have beaded bands at the tops.

With these restaurant ensembles, you can wear jewelled ankle straps and lace panelled stockings.



It took 50 yards of parma violet tulle to make this picture hat from Maud et Nan's spring collection in Paris.—A.P. Photo.

**Smaller Waists--
Shorter Skirts**

Paris, Saturday.
Charm is the driving inspiration of the French couturiers designing clothes for spring. There is an emphasis on simplicity and grace and a veering away from exaggeration.

The line is straight, but there is nothing unfeminine about this straightness, as there is much use of subtle drapery which softens but does not conceal it. A carefully controlled fullness in skirt starts below the hip and is swept as with a gentle force to the back.

Waists have returned to their natural place, shoulders have gained a little padding and skirts have risen from 12 to 13 inches from the ground.

Collars are small but have lost much of their bulk and are gently rolled away from the neckline.

Shoulder Revealed

Asymmetrical necklines reveal most of one shoulder in many afternoon dresses. Sleeves are short—with wide cuffs—and either just above or below the elbows.

Coats, renamed "dress covers" by Carven, the designer, remain full, but once again the fullness is caught towards the back and here imprisoned by a belt. Tailor-made have returned to classical lines with long narrow reverses and they fasten with a double button at the waist.

Hips remain narrow but large stand-out pockets draw attention to them. Afternoon dresses are more dressy and feminine than ever and many have irregular hemlines.

Dresses which serve a double purpose have been designed for thirty days. They are made in tulle with wide billowing overskirts of tulle which is the most to reveal a pencil-slim afternoon dress underneath.

Prettiest evening dresses are those which trail the ground like a peacock's tail.

Romantic ball dresses composed of layers and layers of tulle in rainbow shades are the principle theme for grand occasions.

There is much use of stiff materials such as tulle, rep, gabardine, shantung, and natural linen. Yellow—from sunset to lemon, grey, navy and green, are colours starred for spring.

MOULDED SILHOUETTE

By Victoria Chappello

Fine fabrics of all kinds are in the picture for the spring and summer of 1949. Such materials as gabardines, heavy sarahs and silk petershams—especially the last-named—are strongly influencing the new fashion.

The drapery that "stays put"; the wide sleeve that keeps its shape; the "moulded" silhouette for a dignified line; all these need such materials, for they can be, so to speak, "moulded" by the designer. And among the new silhouettes you will see a great many coats and suits tapering from the shoulders, where the accent is on breadth, to the calves where a narrow line is achieved. But this breadth does not mean a return to a wide-shouldered mauline line; on the contrary, the shoulders are still rounded and this is often achieved, or assisted, by the cut of the sleeves. In these there is a definite trend towards a raglan or a dolman cut which gives a feeling of breadth and slight bulkiness.

To get this triangular effect, a good many tricks are resorted to. Arthur Banks knows them all and two of them at least are shown in his collection with excellent results. First, in one of his coat silhouettes he uses breadth between shoulder and hip level by concentrating on sleeve and skirt width.

For instance, on a model made in silk petersham because that fabric keeps its shape so well, he cuts the sleeves very full below the shoulder but ends them in a neat cuff just below the elbow. Then, after skilfully focusing the eye at the neckline (which he makes collarless but accents with a narrow band of white silk piping) he guides it to a draped neckline, the waist being nipped in by a suede belt fastened with three unusual buttons. From the hips the skirt slides down to calf-length in an ever decreasing line.

For day suits Banks prefers to concentrate almost entirely on the jacket, leaving the slim skirt with about decent of any kind. A good example is a suit in fine navy wool cut with a hem which dips steeply at the back but has a wrap-over front held in place by a wide belt. Here again he uses silk petersham, and grey-striped design for a collar with sharply pointed revers, one of which is carried to waist level; this appears again beneath the belt and broadens until it reaches the hem with a closely set row of four buttons placed beside it. Matching striped cuffs are used on the three-quarter length sleeves.



This finely tailored suit in navy wool by Arthur Banks has a trimming of navy and grey striped petersham. Note the plunging revers reaching to the waistline and again beneath the wide belt.

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1 cup self-raising flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 3/4 cup castor sugar, 2 eggs, 1/2 tablespoon hot milk, 1 teaspoon butter, vanilla.

Filling: 1 cup milk, 2 teaspoons cornflour, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1/2 teaspoon gelatine, 1 teaspoon powdered coffee.

icing: 1 cup icing sugar, 1 teaspoon powdered coffee, 1 tablespoon hot water, squeeze of lemon juice, 1 teaspoon butter.

Sift the flour and salt. Separate the eggs. Beat the whites until stiff. Add the sugar gradually and beat until the sugar has dissolved. Add the egg yolks and beat until thick. Fold in the flour and salt. Lastly add the hot milk in which the butter has been melted and vanilla added. Pour into two greased 7-inch sandwich tins. Bake in a moderate oven temp. 350 deg. F. for 45 deg. F. electric, for 20 minutes. Turn out and allow to cool. For the filling, blend the cornflour with a little milk and add to the other ingredients in the saucepan. Bring to the boil, stirring all the while. Boil one minute. Remove from the fire. Allow to cool and when thickening, beat well. For the icing, sift the icing sugar with the powdered coffee. Rub in the butter. Add the hot water and lemon juice, and spread over the cake while warm.



I am 40 and have a dry skin. For cleansing, I use a dry skin cleansing cream. Can I use an astringent? Also, what type of night cream would you recommend for a woman of my age?

No. You must not use an astringent if your skin is dry and, as you say, you are 40. What you can use, though, is a mild skin freshener once a day before applying make-up.

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TJISADANE from Macassar & Javaports 17th March.	to Javaports & Macassar 17th March.
	to Shanghai 19th March.
	to Javaports & Macassar 31st March.

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U.S. BUSINESSMEN WARN
OF TRADING BARRIERS

Tokyo, February 25.

Foreign businessmen are not going to make large investments in Japan until the nation's corporate taxes are substantially reduced and a provision made for recovering some profits and capital in hard currency.

Members of the American Chamber of Commerce gave a warning to this effect today.

The American businessmen met with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry to present informal suggestions on means of attracting foreign investments in Japan's capital short economy.

New York
Stock
Exchange

New York, February 26.
A midday rally in the stock market blew out and losses of 100,000 shares were made.

Some stocks retained part of earlier gains in light trading totalling about 800,000 shares.

Charles Wright, one of the most active buyers, clung to an advance of more than 1/2 point at one time. Losers included U.S. Steel, Youngstown Sheet, General Motors, Consolidated Natural Gas, American Southern, Phelps Dodge, General Electric, Du Pont, Gulf Oil, Superior Oil of California and Union Carbide.

Among steadier spots were United Air Lines, Southern Pacific, American Woolen and Lumber.

Dow Jones Averages—
Stocks 61.61; 20 Industrials 171.10; 15
Bills 68.34; 10 Utilities 34.43.

Closing stock quotations—

Alabama Power	11 1/2
Alaska Juneau	3 1/2
American Can	48 1/2
American Smelting	47 1/2
American Telephone	147
American Tobacco	67 1/2
American Waterworks	13 1/2
Anconia Copper	31 1/2
Aviation Corp.	6 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	10 1/2
Barnhill	40 1/2
Bell Aviation	22 1/2
Behlen Bros.	29 1/2
Boring Aircraft	22
Borden Co.	38 1/2
Canadian Pacific	11 1/2
C. I. Case	25 1/2
Chrysler	62 1/2
Gillette	29 1/2
Commercial Solvents	10 1/2
Corn Products	60 1/2
Eastman Kodak	10 1/2
Electric Light & Power	21 1/2
General Electric	35 1/2
General Motors	49 1/2
Goodrich	40 1/2
Goodyear	40 1/2
Homestead Mining	18 1/2
International Harvester	23 1/2
International Paper	45 1/2
International Tel. & Tel.	8 1/2
Johns Manville	26 1/2
Kennecott Copper	45 1/2
Montgomery Ward	15 1/2
National Builders	17 1/2
National Lead	20 1/2
New York Central	10 1/2
Packard Motors	4 1/2
Pan American Airways	15 1/2
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Republic Steel	23 1/2
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London
Stock
Exchange

London, February 25.

The Government victory in an important London by-election brought gloom to the London Stock Exchange today. Prices in all sections dropped, initially as a precautionary measure and later as a result of small dribbling sales. Losses, however, were not serious.

Trading continued at a low level, the smallest for the past four months and there was the usual Friday reluctance to enter into fresh commitments.

British funds were fractionally off and there were widespread small losses in tobacco, breweries and miscellaneous industries.

Oil was also out of favour and turned easier. Attention in this section was centred on negotiations which are at present proceeding between the Persian Government and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company. News is expected next week.

Bright spots were few and far between but one of these was provided by good buying of Great Western Brazil rails. These were strong in a market short of stock.

Early firmness in Kaffirs was lost by the close. Johannesburg turned sellers and the section closed irregular and uncertain.

SECURITIES:

Imperial Chemical Ind. ord.	46 1/2
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Burma Corp.	8 1/2
Crown Mines	8 1/2
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1945/51	105 1/2
1952/54	105 1/2
1954/56	105 1/2
1956/58	105 1/2
1958/60	105 1/2

FOREIGN BONDS:

German Loan (Dawson) 5 1/2	7 1/2
Japanese 5 1/2, 1907/47	27 1/2
Japanese 5 1/2, 1924/59	37 1/2
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Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 5 1/2	7 1/2
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Crisp Loan, 5 1/2, 1918/28	11 1/2
Hukang Railway, 5 1/2, 1911/21	7 1/2
Honan Railway, 5 1/2, 1908/18	7 1/2
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Sterling Bonds	—Reuter.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London: Silver, Spot fine ounce 43 1/2, Forward 43 1/2; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 112 3/4.

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked price) 71 1/2; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) 35.

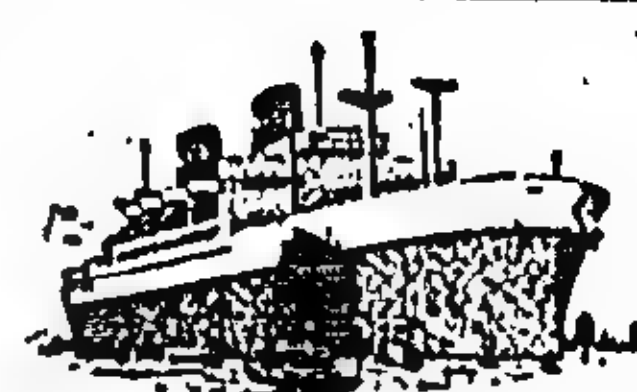
Bombay: Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas Rupees 180, Annas 08; Forward no. trading; Marwar (unofficial) no trading; Gold, delivered, per tola 117, 10; Forward (unofficial) no trading; Gold, Sovereign, 75, 04. (One tola is equal to 1/16 of an ounce).

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"BENCLEUCH"	U.K.	2nd half Mar.
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TO	LOADING
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"KWEIYANG"	Swatow, Saigon 3 p.m. 4th Mar.
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"HANYANG"	Korea & Fochow 28th Feb.
"TSINAN"	Shanghai & Keelung 28th Feb.
"HUPH"	Swatow 9 a.m. 2nd Mar.
"PRODUCE"	Kobe 6th Mar.
"YOCHOW"	Singapore 8th Mar.
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The Canton correspondent of the vernacular reported that when questioned on the subject, the Finance Minister said: "The time is not yet ripe for the publication of the news."

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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Chinese 'Y' Assured Of Mixed Doubles

Last week saw the Senior Mixed Doubles League virtually reach its conclusion.

By defeating the University by six games to three, the Chinese YMCA become the proud holders of this Division's trophy for the current year.

This is the first time in its badminton history that the "Y" has won this Championship and it is hoped that this will be a stimulus to the Club to encourage more Chinese lady players to take up the game.

There is abundant budding feminine talent available among the Chinese community, but lack of proper organization has hindered them from participating in local competitions.

In fact, the Y could have easily fielded a Ladies' Doubles team in this year's League, and for the benefit of the game, it cannot but be strongly urged that they do during the next season.

Kowloon Tong "A" a splendid win over the University by six games to three last Monday in the Junior Men's Doubles League was a surprise, but by no means a minor one. The country club shuttlers have been showing very good form during the past few weeks, and should be strong favourites for the final.

In the second section of this Division, the Y's continue their winning streak, and their only rival is now the Chung Wah team. A win over the latter in their return encounter will establish the Y's position as the other finalist.

The Junior Mixed Doubles Division is also practically over. St. Teresa's "A" and Recreio are expected to win easily their only remaining games, and a replay between them on a neutral court, will decide the Champion team.

Open Colony Championships

Interest in the game during the coming week will be focussed on the Colony Championship events which begin on Monday night at the VRC court.

FOREIGN EXODUS CONTINUES

Shanghai, February 26. The present exodus of foreigners from Shanghai will be swelled shortly by the departure of some 100 Germans for Germany.

These Germans, who have been permitted to remain here after the war by the Chinese authorities, have all received from the American Consulate-General special affidavits in lieu of passports to enter the American Zone of Germany, and will sail on board the Panamanian ship, Renu, on March 5.

More may later go upon receipt of the necessary special affidavit which, in the words of consular official, will presumably be honoured only for the duration of the present emergency.

The new documents, the American Consulate-General said are not entry permits. Holders have to present themselves at military permit offices in London, Paris, Switzerland or at the ports of Bremen and Hamburg and there apply for entry permits.

German refugees, Italians, Hungarians and other nationals will also be sailing in the Renu for Europe.—Reuter.

YET VAMPIRE IN MANILA

Manila, February 26. Manila will get its first look at the twin jet propelled Vampire fighter today.

Flight Lieutenant G. Francis will manoeuvre the speedy Royal Air Force plane over the city.

On a demonstration tour of the Far East, the Vampire flew from Hong Kong to Clark Field yesterday.—Associated Press.

Today's Sport

Cricket

HKCC "Optimists" v HKCC "Scorpions" at Charter Road, 11 a.m.

Soccer

*Senior Shield Semi-final
Kit Chee v Police; Club, 4 p.m.
Referee: Capt. Stone; Linesmen: F.A. Hurrell and Lai Duen-po.

*Junior Shield Semi-final
Dockyard v South China; Club 2 p.m.; Referee: A.F. Willis; A. Rebelo and S.Y. Kwok.

*First Division League
RAF v Club (P.P. from 5.2.49); Soekunpo, 4 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward; Linesmen: W. Giffon and H. Richardson.

*Second Division League
Army HK v Army SC (P.P. from 5.2.49); Soekunpo, 4 p.m.; Referee: N. Delgado; Boundary, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: A.E.P. Guest.

*Police v Navy (P.P. from 1.1.49); Boundary, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: Pte. Collins.

*Duration of match (Shield Semi-finals) shall be 90 minutes. An extra ten minutes each way must be played in the event of a draw.

Hockey

Club de Recreo v Navy; King's Park, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: P.F. Xaviera and J.S. Green.

RAF v Khalsa; Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: C.J. Merritt and S.L.C.P.O. Shaw.

Cable & Wireless v Army (match postponed).

HK Police v University; Boundary Street (Kowloon), 10 a.m.; Umpires: S.B.P.O. Yeomans and J.H. Binko.

Civil Service v Dockyard RC; King's Park (RRNC 2), 10 a.m.; Umpires: Mahan Singh and E.R.A. Miller.

Dutch HC v YMCA; Soekunpo, 10 a.m.; Umpires: Capt. Chinnell and G.T. Palmer.

Army v Macao (at Macao).

Occupation Economy Proposals

Vienna, February 26. Proposals to cut the personnel of the British Commission in Austria to the bone and throw all British-sponsored residents on to the Austrian economy are being considered here, according to a high United Kingdom Legation source.

Similar proposals, which would affect businessmen, correspondents, shipping agents and others, were considered for the British Zone of Germany at a Control Commission conference earlier this month at Liebeck, in the British Zone.

The Legation source here said that British Control Commission personnel will be cut to the bone even if the current four-power negotiations in London do not produce a treaty for Austria. The effect of the economy plan will be to force people not in the direct service of the Control Commission on to Austrian rations and deprive them of such accommodation and transport facilities as are now provided.

The whole plan, it is estimated, will save the British Commission £20,000 a year in salaries alone. Businessmen here estimate that their own living costs will be more than doubled.—Reuter.

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RAF XI Beat Army In Major Upset

Recreio Win From Navy As CCC Lose

Royal Air Force caused a major upset in yesterday's First League cricket when they beat Army by 29 runs at Sookunpoo. The defeat of Army places Club de Recreio, who beat Royal Navy by 90 runs at King's Park after declaring at 155 for one, in a most favourable position for Championship honours.

At Chater Road, HKCC "Scorpions" inflicted a crushing defeat on Cricketers when they beat by 131 runs.

The game between Kowloon Cricket Club and HKCC "Optimists" at Cox's Road ended in a draw, KCC having scored 115 for seven in reply to 170 for seven by the "Optimists" when stumps were drawn.

The match between Hong Kong University and Indian Recreation Club which was to have been played at Pokfulam was postponed.

In a Second League game at King's Park, Club de Recreio lost to Royal Navy by seven wickets.

RAF-Army

The honour of being the "team of the week" went to the RAF. In a First League Cricket match at Sookunpoo, they created the major upset of the week's fixtures when they defeated Army by 29 runs, just 10 minutes before time.

Winning the toss, Army sent the RAF in to bat. Things did not look bright for the Air Force when three wickets fell in quick succession with only 13 runs on the board.

Morris then joined Hinshelwood and the two carried the score to 66 with some bright cricket, before the former was bowled by Stevenson and the latter by Banton.

Hinshelwood hit six fours and one six in their scores of 38 and 21, respectively.

With the exception of Follett, who added 41 runs, none of the remaining batsmen managed to get into double figures, leaving the RAF with a none too favourable total of 96 runs.

Banton was the most successful bowler, taking six wickets for only 32 runs.

Army started shakily when they took their turn at the wicket, losing their first three wickets for 15 runs.

When Banton joined Murray-Brown it looked as if they were going to stop the rot, but after an addition of 23 valuable runs Banton was out to a catch.

Worce was to follow.

In the next over, Murray-Brown was clean bowled by Crellin. Stephens was the only remaining batsman to offer any resistance against the deadly bowling of Crellin and Hodgson.

Bowling honours went to Hodgson and Gambrell who took four and five wickets respectively. Hodgson bowled six maiden overs out of the 14 overs that he had.

RAF

Gall, b Banton 1
Marshall, b Barratt, b Stepto 0
Crellin, b Banton 39
Hinshelwood, b Banton 21
Morris, b Stevenson 0
Dolgan, b Banton 0
Belme, not out 0
Follett, b Stepto 14
Hayhurst, b Banton 0
Gambrell, c Twelvrees, b Stevenson 0
Hodgson, b Banton 12
Extras 12
Total 93

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Stepo 6.1 0 40 2
Stevenson 5.0 11 2
Barratt, c Crellin, b Hodgson 1
Twelvrees, b Gambrell 8
Hutchinson, b Hodgson 0
Murray-Brown, b Crellin 20
Banton, c Jones, b Gambrell 9
Follett, b Gambrell 3
Hodgson 7
Stepo, b Hodgson 15
Jones, not out 1
Ashley, b Hodgson 0
Parker, b Gambrell 0
Extras 3
Total 66

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Gambrell 15 3 25 4
Hodgson 14 6 10 5
Hinshelwood 3 0 7 0
Crellin 3 1 12 1

Recreio-Navy

At King's Park, Club de Recreio beat Royal Navy by 90 runs in a First League cricket match. Batting first, Recreio declared at 155 for one. A.M. Prata, who opened with L.G. Gosano, knocked out a bright 85 not out. L.G. Gosano was also in fine form with the bat and had 56 to his credit when he was caught by Habershon off White.

Against the steady bowling of Recreio, the sailors could only muster 65 runs, with Greenalade (19) and Garrod (15) the only batsmen to reach double figures.

L.G. Gosano followed up his fine batting display by taking two wickets for nine runs. A.P. Pereira and G.N. Gosano also did well with the ball, Pereira claiming three wickets for 12 runs and Gosano three for 23.

RECREIO

L.G. Gosano, c Habershon, b White 56
A.M. Prata, not out 85
G.N. Gosano, not out 5
Extras 2
Total (for 1 wkt.) 155

E.M.L. Soares, E.L. Gosano, P.M.H. da Silva, A.M. Rodrigues, N.A. Baitroa, A.P. Pereira, H.L. Ozorio and D.M. Rodrigues did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
White 13 0 61 1
Greenalade 3 0 23 0
King 2 0 14 0
Smith 2 0 14 0
Thornley 4 0 20 0
Garrod 3 0 18 0

ROYAL NAVY

Thornley, c A.M. Prata, G.N. Gosano 0
Whorman, run out 0
Garrod, c D.M. Rodrigues, b G.N. Gosano 15
Kerewala, b A.P. Pereira 0
Venables, b G.N. Gosano 0
White, c A.M. Prata, b E.L. Gosano 4
Fluck, b A.P. Pereira 3
Habershon, not out 0
King, lbw L.G. Gosano 1
Greenalade, c G.N. Gosano, b L.G. Gosano 5
Smith, c E.L. Gosano, b A.P. Pereira 19
Pereira 3
Extras 2
Total 65

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
A.P. Pereira 8 4 12 3
G.N. Gosano 8 2 23 3
E.L. Gosano 6 2 8 1
H.L. Ozorio 1 0 10 0

"Scorpions"—CCC

Craigieover CC visited "Scorpions" at Chater Road and were badly beaten by 131 runs. The home team had first lease of the wicket and compiled the huge score of 191 runs for four wickets, declaring their innings closed just before 4 p.m.

T.A. Pearce was top scorer with 70 runs, while Kerr battled well for 53 runs. Newton helped with a very useful 41 runs before being stumped by Ismail.

After two hours, the visitors found Gee and Clague in brilliant form and were dismissed for 60 runs. Robert Tay was the highest scorer for his team with a well played 20 runs. Gee was in devastating form with the ball and took five wickets for 23 runs, while Clague captured three wickets for seven runs.

L.F. Stokes, c Souza, b Billimoria 3
O.J. Kerr, c Crabtree 3
T.A. Pearce, lbw, b Ramchand 70
M. Newton, st Ismail, b Billimoria 41
H. Owen Hughes, not out 12
J.E. Richardson, not out 11
Extras 1
Total for 4 wks, dec. 191

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
Billimoria 17 1 78 2
Crabtree 13 0 63 1
Souza 2 0 15 0
Omar 4 0 17 0
Ramchand 2 0 7 1

R. Tay, c Hughes, b Clague 20
A.H. Ismail, c Kerr, b Howarth 0
S. Rumbold, played on, b Gee 0
G.A. Souza, run out 7
K.M. Rumbold, b Gee 4
P.J. Billimoria, c Stokes, b Gee 12
D. Readman, c Owen Hughes, b Gee 0
R.O. Baker, c Richardson, b Clague 0
S. Kershaw, b Gee 0
T. Crabtree, c Kerr, b Clague 0
A.M. Omar, not out 0
Extras 0
Total 60

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
Gee 10 1 23 5
Howarth 7 1 24 1
Clague 2.5 1 7 3

KCC—"Optimists"

The First League cricket match between Kowloon Cricket Club and HKCC "Optimists" at Cox's Road ended in a draw.

The "Optimists" went in to bat first and declared when the score stood at 170 for seven. R.W. Franklin played an outstanding game for the "Optimists" and scored freely all round the wicket before being given out lbw after he had scored 91. N.R. Oliver contributed a useful 36 to the total of the "Optimists".

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
G.A. Yvanovich, b Winyard 6
J.A. Soares, b Winyard 0
L. Vieira, lbw Winyard 0
Extras 8
Total 45

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
G.A. Yvanovich, b Winyard 6
J.A. Soares, b Winyard 0
L. Vieira, lbw Winyard 0
Extras 8
Total 45

R.E. Lee was the most successful KCC bowler, capturing three wickets for 35 runs. At the close of play, KCC had scored 115 runs for seven. T.A. Madar being top-scorer with 28, closely followed by A. Zimmermann with 27. T.P. Mahon took four wickets for 29 runs.

"OPTIMISTS"

M.M. Little, c Barrow, b Taylor 7
K.A. Miller, c Zimmermann, b Taylor 1
J. Windmill, st Osmond 41
R. Winyard, b D. Remedios 25
A. Stevens, c Yvanovich, b Soares 8
F. Harrison, b Gutterres 13
F. Ferguson, c Noronha, b Gutterres 1
L. Bénédict, b Noronha 1
Extras 10
Total (for 7 wks.) 107

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
D. Remedios 9 2 20 1
A. Osmond 0 0 31 2
L. Gutterres 3 0 17 2
A. Noronha 1.3 0 3 1
M. Newton, st Ismail, b Soares 1

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
D. Remedios 9 2 20 1
A. Osmond 0 0 31 2
L. Gutterres 3 0 17 2
A. Noronha 1.3 0 3 1
M. Newton, st Ismail, b Soares 1

Friendly Game

IRC 2nd XI—KCC 2nd XI

In a friendly game at Sookunpoo, KCC 2nd XI beat IRC 2nd XI by eight wickets. Batting first the Indians were skittled out for a score of 44 runs. A.R. Razack and Y. Motiwalla were the only two batsmen to reach double figures.

All the damage was done by Hancock and Matthews, who bowled unchanged to take five wickets each.

The KCC easily passed the test of their opponents' total with the loss of only two wickets. Continuing to bat, they added 53 runs more after losing five further wickets.

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
E.H. Esmail, c White, b Matthews 0
A.M. Wahab Jr., b Matthews 0
A.R. Razack, c Gray, b Hancock 11
I. Ali, c & b Hancock 3
I.M. Omar, b Matthews 1
M. Samy, b Hancock 1
Y. Motiwalla, c White, b Hancock 14
S. Aboo, b Matthews 0
Faizalabhouy, not out 0
A. Ebrahim, c White, b Matthews 4
T. Ebrahim, b Hancock 0
Extras 0
Total 44

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
A.E.J. Hancock 10 5 25 5
H. Matthews 9 2 19 5

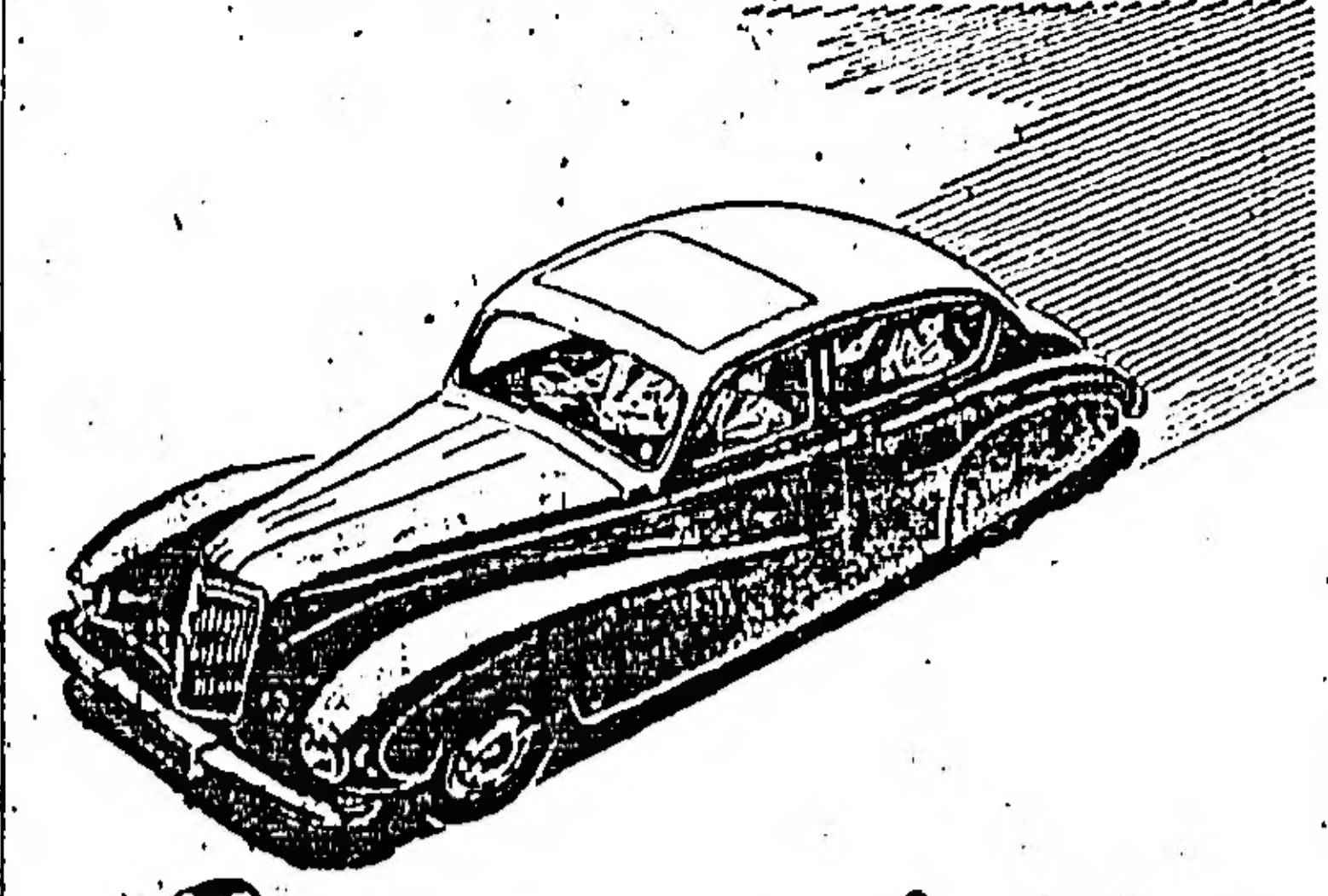
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S.C. Trueman, run out 13
E. Randall, lbw I. Ali 17
G.R. Rosset, b Motiwalla 5
E. Guest, c Razack, b I. Ali 15
A.E.J. Hancock, not out 25
A.J. Wood, b T.E. Ebrahim 0
D.G. White, c Wahab, b T. Ebrahim 0
V.H. White, not out 8
Extras 14
Total (for 7 wks.) 97
(S. A. Gray, H. Matthews and A. N. Other did not bat.)

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
Y. Motiwalla 8 2 20 1
S. Aboo 4 0 23 0
I. Ali 3 0 18 1
A.J. Ebrahim 3 1 2 2
A.D. Ebrahim 3 1 7 0
E.H. Esmail 2 1 13 0

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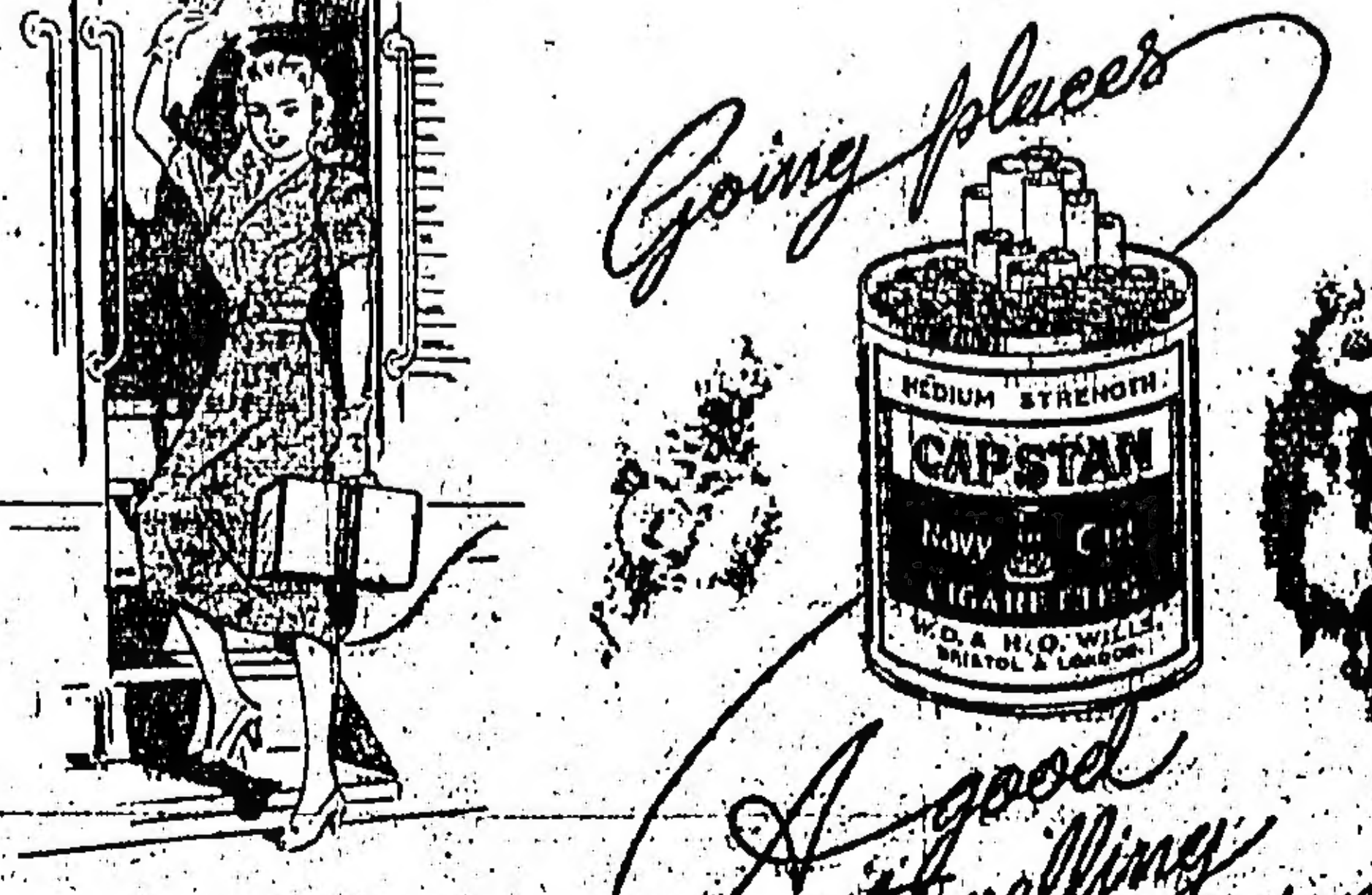
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LOVELY LADY, TAO UP, WINS MELBOURNE CUP

The disappointment of the large crowd of racing enthusiasts at the exceedingly small field which faced the starter in the Melbourne Cup was, to a great extent, compensated by the splendid display of jockey-ship of B. L. Tao who piloted Lovely Lady past the winning post a neck ahead of Pleasant Valley.

There were 15 entries for this main event of the Second Extra Race Meeting held at Happy Valley yesterday. Of these, only King of Peace (K. F. Chiu), Lovely Lady (B. L. Tao), Pleasant Valley (H. S. Chang), and Sunshine (M. Rowlands) went to the gate.

Carrying top weight of 154 lbs., Lovely Lady took third position on the rise of the barrier, and was content to let Pleasant Valley and Sunshine remain at the lead up to the Rock.

Pleasant Valley, going off to a flying start, increased its lead when passing the Football Stand for the first time. King of Peace, which brought up the rear, showed signs of moving up to third position and actually ousted Sunshine from the minor prize when passing the Football Stand the second time.

Coming down from the Rock, Tao gave Lovely Lady a free rein and permitted her to pass Sunshine when entering the straight for the first time. King of Peace, which brought up the rear, showed signs of moving up to third position and actually ousted Sunshine from the minor prize when passing the Football Stand the second time. Lovely Lady hotly questioned Pleasant Valley's rights to maintain the lead in this test of endurance. Coming down the decline, Tao's mount was neck to neck with King of Peace, and from there on to the Public Stand the two ponies fought it out hoof to hoof.

When opposite the Band Stand, Pleasant Valley gained a temporary lead but lost it almost immediately. The terrific tussle ended by Lovely Lady edging Pleasant Valley out of the major prize.

It is a matter of public regret that, in practically all classic events, owners are shy of sending their ponies out, with the result that racing fans are not given the opportunity of gauging the real merits of the various winners.

Lovely Lady, incidentally, gave Tao his second win of the day. His first winner was Skymaster, another red-hot favourite, in the Newmarket Handicap.

Tao was the leading jockey of the meeting, with two wins, a second and a third in five outings. C. L. Gregory was a close second with two wins and two thirds in six runs.

While it could not be exactly described as a favourites' day, the meeting was noted for the very low pay-off, the highest being \$25 by Bookie in the third race, when it beat Masterpiece by a length, with the hot favourite, Chief Pilot, another half a length behind.

Rodionoff and Tokmokoff were the trainers of two winners each. The RAF No. 1 Regional Band, under Mr. H. E. Wheeler, entertained the large crowds present during the intervals between races.

In the Special Sweep on the final race, the prize for tickets on unplaced starters was increased from \$300 to \$1,000. The first prize of \$75,880 was won by holder of Ticket No. 70821 with the second prize of \$21,680 going to the holder of Ticket No. 89827; and the third of \$10,840 to Ticket No. 5445.

Full results were:

ASCOT STAKES

Race 1.—(First Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. One mile.

1. Easy-going, 148, C. L. Gregory; 2. Abdul Hamid, 147, A. Ostroff; 3. Aeroplane, 148, J. Pote-Hunt.

Won by four lengths; half a length.

Time: 1 min. 50.2/5 secs.

Parl-mutuel: \$19.00 winner.

Places \$8.00, \$11.50, \$6.00.

BETTING: Easy-going, 148, C. L. Gregory, 148, 1.50; Abdul Hamid, 147, 1.50; Aeroplane, 148, 1.50.

1. Sparkling Star, 152, H. P. Chanson; 2. Flying Knight, 140, R. L. Tao; 3. King Kong Sui, 147, C. L. Gregory.

Won by many lengths; half a length.

Time: 1 min. 40 secs.

Parl-mutuel: \$16.80 winner.

Places \$8.00, \$10.50, \$6.10.

BETTING: Sparkling Star, 152, H. P. Chanson, 152, 1.50; Flying Knight, 140, 1.50; King Kong Sui, 147, 1.50.

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No. 6180 \$5,017

No. 2688 1,434

No. 4586 717

Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)

No. 4579, 5091, 4704, 2085, 656.

RACE 3

No. 156 \$5,220

No. 5773 1,491

No. 5062 746

Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)

No. 1747, 2724, 3023, 2075, 6335, 5186.

RACE 4

No. 2805 \$5,632

No. 3499 1,581

No. 7123 780

Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)

No. 6785, 1646, 994, 2559, 5990.

RACE 5

No. 3429 \$6,084

No. 5052 1,739

No. 7170 809

Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)

No. 6343.

RACE 6

No. 1705 \$5,755

No. 4313 1,644

No. 2530 822

Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)

No. 5703, 6641, 1464, 6014, 8622, 6937, 4746.

RACE 7

No. 8413 \$6,091

No. 5528 1,740

No. 7453 870

Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)

No. 6498, 7591, 297, 8161, 3829.

RACE 8

No. 3790 \$6,105

No. 2426 1,767

No. 3179 884

Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)

No. 6798, 1081, 7790, 5486, 2392, 6425, 5110.

RACE 9

No. 76821 \$75,880

No. 89827 21,680

No. 5445 10,840

Unplaced ponies (\$1,000 each)

No. 15426, 1610, 27333, 81713, 16245.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP

Race 3.—(First Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. Six furlongs.

1. Bookie, 147, K. Kwok; 2. Masterpiece, 152, R. A. Castro; 3. Chief Pilot, 150, C. L. Gregory.

Won by a length; half a length.

Time: 1 min. 18.4/5 secs.

Parl-mutuel: \$25.00 winner.

Places \$7.50, \$8.50, \$6.80.

BETTING: Bookie, 147, K. Kwok, 147, 1.50; Masterpiece, 152, 1.50; Chief Pilot, 150, 1.50.

1. Sparkling Star, 152, H. P. Chanson; 2. Flying Knight, 140, R. L. Tao; 3. King Kong Sui, 147, C. L. Gregory.

Won by many lengths; the same.

Time: 1 min. 40 secs.

Parl-mutuel: \$7.40 winner.

Places \$6.50, \$11.20, \$7.20.

BETTING: Sparkling Star, 152, H. P. Chanson, 152, 1.50; Flying Knight, 140, 1.50; King Kong Sui, 147, 1.50.

1. Sparkling Star, 152, H. P. Chanson; 2. Flying Knight, 140, R. L. Tao; 3. King Kong Sui, 147, C. L. Gregory.

Won by a neck; five lengths.

Time: 1 min. 40.4/5 secs.

Parl-mutuel: \$6.50 winner.

Places \$6.30, \$7.30.

BETTING: Sparkling Star, 152, H. P. Chanson, 152, 1.50; Flying Knight, 140, 1.50; King Kong Sui, 147, 1.50.

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HONG KONG, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1949.

Hat-Trick For 'Rapier'

"Rapier" created a post-war record in local racing tips when he successfully forecasted the winners of seven races out of nine. He scored a hat-trick when he picked Skymaster, Lovely Lady and Flying Knight.

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